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# A family broken by war

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## ***Dreams dashed***

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is a paper that should be paid attention to by the military and intelligence agencies for some of the ideas. But it's not going to be a case of, 'X marks the spot, there's Osama bin Laden.'"

—Kim Rossmo, director of the Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation at Texas State University, discussing using geographic profiling to "find" bin Laden

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## No end for thumb drive ban near

BY JEFF SCHOGOL  
Stars and Stripes

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Don't expect a letup in the global war on thumb drives.

In November the Defense Department banned the use of removable storage devices and flash media on government computers.

Wired Magazine reported the move came after the worm virus Agent.btz was discovered on some department networks, and was believed spread through the portable drives.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Thursday he does not have a timetable to reverse the ban, which includes thumb drives, memory sticks and camera flash cards.

"I do not see the thumb drives going back here in the immediate future," Mullen said.

During a town hall meeting with soldiers, Mullen said the restrictions were put in place to protect Defense Department systems from a growing cyber threat.

"One of the ways these worms move around is you just take your thumb drive, which is in your unclassified computer, and all you gotta do is plug it into a classified computer," Mullen said.

"The potential there from a national security perspective is huge."

The "Agent.btz" virus degrades computer performance by copying itself to multiple programs, slowing the system.

External hard disk drives, CDs and DVDs are not included in the ban. It also does not affect personal laptops or home computers.

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# Mullen seeks clarity on concussion standards

BY JEFF SCHOGOL  
Stars and Stripes

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff wants to know if there is a limit to the number of concussions that servicemembers can suffer before they become nondeployable.

"There clearly are situations where individuals are exposed to numerous explosions and numerous potential [concussions], and I think the question is, is there a limit, or should there be a limit," Adm. Mike Mullen said Friday during his visit to Fort Campbell, Ky.

Of the troops suffering from traumatic brain injury and psychological injuries who are treated at Fort Campbell, about 77 percent improve to the point where they can return to duty, while 23 percent do not, Army medical officials said.

Mullen plans to ask his staff whether limiting the number of concussions servicemembers can receive while deployed can reduce the number of troops whose resulting injuries prevent them from returning to duty.

Earlier in the day, Mullen asked doctors if there was such a limit when he visited the TBI Resilience and Recovery Center at Fort Campbell.

"The problem is, sir, I can tell you we have people in treatment with five and seven, and they respond wonderfully, no sequelae. We have people with one or two, they're having great difficulty, so where that number is, I can't tell you at this point," said Dr. Bret Logan, a psychiatrist and director of the center.

The NFL limits the number of concussions players can receive in a season, said Dr. (Col.) Richard Thomas, commander of the hospital at Fort Campbell.

"I think we do need to have some kind of threshold number, whatever that is, and we don't have that," Thomas said.



MEL EVANS/AP

**U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addresses Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., on Feb. 5. Mullen is trying to determine how many concussions a servicemember can sustain before becoming medically undeployable.**

In a separate matter, Mullen said he uses the acronym "PTS" instead of "PTSD" when referring to combat stress because he feels the word "disorder" is degrading.

Mullen stressed the need to eliminate the stigma attached to psychological wounds.

"I've had too many young —

mostly, but not exclusively — soldiers and Marines, they're not happy with the term 'disorder,'" Mullen said. "I understand 'disorder' is a medical term, and I understand why it's there, but I just choose not to use it."

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# For the first time, they're one big family

By NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

She was marrying the father of her baby, the nicest man she had ever met, who was promising to honor her and keep her. And she was terrified.

Marcetia Brown had seen generations of women struggle with the men in their lives. Her own romantic history, with one marriage behind her, had included, she said, infidelity, heartbreak and violence.

"Men change after marriage," she said. "It's like a joke in my family. I guess I believed a man could never love a woman."

So she had resisted Spc. Thomas "T.J." Brown, tried to focus on her two children from her previous marriage at age 19, and more than once tried to break it off.

"I said, 'I'm damaged goods,'" she recalled. "'I can't be your friend anymore.'"

He didn't want to let her go.

"He said he thought that I was the person he'd been praying for," she said. "He said, 'Don't you have faith in God?'"

They married in July 2007, just before he deployed with the Triple Deuce, when he insisted that "he didn't want to go over there without being married," Marcetia said.

She'd agreed. Because T.J. was Marcetia's hero, just as she was, for him, heaven-sent.

"He was the only person in my life who could ever calm me down," said Marcetia, a thoughtful, attractive 30-year-old. "He's the only person

I've ever been able to depend on. The way he looks at stuff — I want to be like him."

The new family exemplifies the hope — and the challenges — of many military families struggling with the loneliness and separation of deployments, followed by the adjustments and compromises of learning to live together when the deployment ends and the soldier returns.

Although the Browns have known each other for years, through two deployments and many ups and downs, living together will be something new for them.

"The truth is we've never lived under the same roof for more than a couple of months," Marcetia said just before her husband returned.

Under the roof of the family's sparsely furnished apartment 20 minutes from Fort Drum are Malik, 3, whom Marcetia had with T.J. after getting pregnant during his R&R

the first time he deployed to Iraq; Justin, 7, and Jasmine, 11.

Brown, now a sergeant, also has a child from a previous relationship, who lives with his ex-girlfriend.

Jasmine, more serious and mature than most girls her age, said she misses her father, who's in the Air Force and whom she and Justin visit a few times a year. And she said she worried about her new stepfather's return.

"I prefer him not here, because I have a little more freedom," she said.

But she had also noticed an upside to T.J. being around.

"I have a little less responsibility when he's here," she said. "Mom is a little more laid back when he's here."

The couple kept in close contact during the deployment.

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JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

The Brown family on an Oct. 5 outing at Old McDonald's Farm in Sackets Harbor, near Fort Drum, N.Y. Three-year-old Malik sits at the wheel of the tractor as Justin, 7, Marcetia, in back, and Jasmine, 11, look on.



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Over several months in 2008, Stars and Stripes reporters and photographers traveled to Iraq, Kuwait and Fort Drum, N.Y., chronicling the lives of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division — the soldiers and their families.



# Brown: Trying to do better this time

**BROWN, FROM PAGE 3**

They e-mailed, he phoned — he even bought a cell phone so he could call her almost every day. Sometimes they got on the Internet and the phone at the same time.

"We'd look at different sites — AAFES, Target, Wal-Mart, Sears — we'd look at furniture and we'd fantasize. We can't afford it, but it's still fun."

But sometimes the phone calls were not so fun. Marcetia missed him terribly, she said. She cried at night. She felt so alone — married but still a single parent — and that she had far too much to do. But instead of feeling sad, she got mad.

"Every time he called, I had an attitude," she said. "I was really nasty."

"He said, 'Listen: You're stronger than this. Why are you acting like this?'" Marcetia said. "It was just what I needed to snap out of it."

During T.J.'s 14-month deployment with the Triple Deuce, the newlyweds talked often about him coming home, the joy of it — and how to manage their differences.

"We want to do better this time," Marcetia said.

Marcetia is a licensed practical nurse who last worked in a nursing home on Long Island, where her mother lives and where she and the children lived until shortly before T.J. returned from deployment.

She's interested in self-improvement. She took a finance class, she said, to better manage the household, and she hopes to return to school to become a registered nurse. She has also read up on post-deployment issues, which helps, but does not solve, problems.

Since T.J.'s return, parenting issues have caused the most conflict, she said.

"He's too harsh. He expected them to be little porcelain dolls," she said.

So she suggested they both attend a weekly parenting class.

Now the boys are feeling more comfortable with

T.J., she said. But Jasmine is not.

"I feel like it's best to keep them separated," Marcetia said. "We took family pictures and she was about to break out in tears."

It's been a cold, snowy winter. But the family didn't leave Watertown during the unit's block leave because money has been so tight. Their truck broke down recently and had to be towed.

And T.J. hasn't been immune from what are common post-deployment reactions.

"If we go to, say, Wal-Mart, he can't tolerate it for a long period. He gets anxious," Marcetia said. "He still doesn't sleep through the night. He used to get up and put on the TV, and that would wake me up."

And although before T.J. returned, Marcetia had talked about how much he helped around the house, that hasn't quite panned out.

"He helps out when he feels like it," she said. "He goes and chitchats with his friends."

Those things don't bother her, she said. But she was still amazed at the "serious, throw-the-rings, I-want-a-divorce fight" they had recently, and what it was about.

Marcetia supported Barack Obama for president. Her husband did not.

"He accused me of wanting to vote for him just because he's black," said Marcetia.

T.J. was of the opinion that Obama would not be a friend to the military, his wife said, a position she said she found both wrong and strange, because it turned out that her husband had neglected to register to vote.

The argument continued on its downward spiral.

"He accused me of wanting to leave him for Barack Obama," Marcetia said.

Marcetia pointed out that many, many women would leave their husbands for Barack Obama, if only they could.

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## Medlin: Packing up and trucking on

**MEDLIN, FROM PAGE 1**

Medlin is 22, a preacher's son, one of four, from a small North Carolina town, and a proud country boy who enlisted a year after he got out of high school. He became a mortarman. Three years ago, still a teenager, he married a woman five years older with three children — two girls and a boy, now ages 6, 9 and 11.

"I'm a sucker for kids," he said.

The couple had problems on and off, he said. Then on his R&R in February, there was more conflict.

"We kind of clashed," he said. "I wanted to stay in; she wanted to go out. I wanted to help out with the kids — I was Daddy the whole time we were together."

"I just didn't feel needed."

Medlin's wife could not be reached for comment.

During the last part of his deployment, if Medlin was off-duty, he was on the phone, other soldiers said.

"Three years — you don't just let it go," Medlin said.

When he was on-duty, life was good.

"You're going to think I'm crazy. I honestly love my job with a passion," he said. "I was lead driver, voluntarily. I just like being on point. I like being in charge of my life, and I wasn't in charge of my life with my marriage."

"People change, even here. We probably shouldn't have gotten married. It was one of those young, dumb, lustful things."

Was the Medlin marriage doomed from the start? Or was it his deployment — the separation, the changes that occurred in both people, the thoughts of others that ended it? No one can know for sure; experts say deployments are hard on many marriages but provide breathing space for others.

Medlin said he really knew his marriage was over during a phone conversation in August.

"I was back from the patrol base — she said she actually noticed big changes in me. Changes

in my personality. I don't notice them, myself. I'm a pretty straightforward person, pretty levelheaded. Sometimes brutally blunt. I'm like a cougar when pushed in a corner," he said.

"She told me she was deciding whether to stay with me or not. I told her I'd get the paperwork drawn up the next day. If it's already in your mind, you've been thinking about it."

"I didn't stop caring. It just sunk in that it was over. I gotta pack up what I got and truck on."

When Medlin returned, he went to the house to get some of his things, take his car and check in.

"It was kind of ugly. There were a couple of people over there I didn't approve of," he said. "There wasn't much of a confrontation."

A couple of days after his return to Fort Drum, Medlin said, he discovered that his wife had started an Internet romance with another soldier.

"She's actually dating one of my friends," he said. "It's OK. I'm trying to be the bigger person."

And he also started a new romance with a woman in Syracuse that he met online. She came to the welcome-home ceremony, along with Medlin's dad. Her photo is up in his bedroom.

"She's nice and easy to talk to," he said.

It upsets him that his estranged wife is still receiving money and benefits, that she is in the house and he has to find an apartment.

"She's living in a house I'm paying for," he said. "And her boyfriend is staying over. It's very trying."

In May, Medlin is to move to Fort Stewart, Ga. When he re-enlisted, he was guaranteed a spot in air assault school and given a \$10,000 bonus. He'll be glad to be back in the South, he said, closer to his family.

As for the family he married into, he said, "We just changed, grew apart. There's nothing you can do about it."

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GREG JOHNSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Sailor Adam Minkel tracks aircraft aboard the USS Essex on Jan. 29. Minkel traveled to the United States this month to donate bone marrow to a terminally ill child.

## USS Essex sailor donates marrow

Stars and Stripes

Adam Minkel's call to save a life came in the form of an unexpected e-mail.

A 4-year-old boy was dying of a rare form of leukemia, the January message read.

Doctors were asking the USS Essex sailor to make good on a boot camp promise made nearly two years ago.

Minkel, who was on spring patrol aboard the Essex when he received the message, suddenly remembered he had signed up for the Department of Defense's bone marrow donor program when he joined the U.S. Navy.

On Jan. 30, he was whisked to Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, where he spent two weeks to undergo what can be a long and painful procedure — and one that might save a child's life.

Stars and Stripes spoke with 23-year-old Minkel via e-mail Friday while he recovered in his hometown of Redwood Falls, Minn.:

**Why did you become a bone marrow donor?**

I had a friend of mine lose her brother to leukemia.

**How did you find out you had been matched with a patient?**

They first tried to call home, and my mother said that I was stationed in Japan. Then I received an e-mail saying that I was match. At first, I totally had forgotten about it.

**What did you know about the person who needed the donation?**

The only information I was given was that it was a 4-year-old boy with a rare form of leukemia.

**What exactly were you asked to donate?**

I was asked to donate marrow from my pelvic bone.

**Did donating marrow involve many shots and cause pain?**

There really weren't that many shots besides having my blood taken several times.

I was under general anesthesia and the total time I was in surgery was about an hour and a half. When I woke up, there was a lot of pain, but the pain medication took care of that right away.

**How is the recovery?**

The recovery is going good. I still have a little pain in my back. With my body missing the marrow, I get tired easier. It will be about another two weeks until my body is fully recovered.

**Did you ever have any second thoughts about donating?**

I never thought twice about donating. Could anyone say no to a 4-year-old? That's someone's baby boy, their son.

**Did you meet the recipient or the recipient's family?**

Due to confidentiality reasons, I will not know the name of the recipient or their family until a year after the procedure.

**Does it feel like you might have saved a life?**

I really don't feel too special about it. Yeah, it's a nice feeling knowing that I helped someone. I just hope that someone would do the same for me.

**What would you tell someone who is considering becoming a bone marrow donor?**

Do it. There really is nothing to lose. You could be saving someone's life. And the medication really helps with the pain.

**Has the experience changed you in any way?**

Kind of, I guess. It's helped me to realize not to take loved ones for granted. You never know when something could happen.

# Navy chaplain travels to Kenya for volunteer work

By TIM WIGHTMAN  
Stars and Stripes

Nothing Navy Lt. David Masterson heard beforehand could do justice to the squalor that awaited him upon his arrival in Kenya.

Masterson, Camp Fuji's command chaplain, spent all of January in the Dandora district of Nairobi, home to about one-third of the capital city's more than 3 million people. He was there as a volunteer with Kinyaho-Dandora School, founded in 1987 by Kenya Children's Fund, an American group.

What he saw outside the school gates were people living in slum apartments or shacks made of sticks and mud, many with no electricity or running water. Some homes have as many as 10 people living in a single room. AIDS and crime are rampant.

A river filled with garbage and waste runs through the area and is the community's lone option for cooking, bathing or cleaning. People frequently forage through a nearby garbage dump, searching for food and anything else of use.

Masterson said he was awestruck by the scene.

"It is one thing to read about these conditions in the print media and quite another thing to experience the sights and smells of raw destitution firsthand," he said. "My eyes were opened and my heart deeply touched."

The Kinyaho-Dandora School enrolls nearly 800 children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Besides education, kids at the school receive two meals a day and medical care.

Masterson worked with a team of Kenyan psychologists whose mission was to provide counseling to children suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to widespread violence that occurred in the aftermath of the 2007 Kenya elections.

Some of the children had family members who were raped, beaten or burned, the chaplain said.

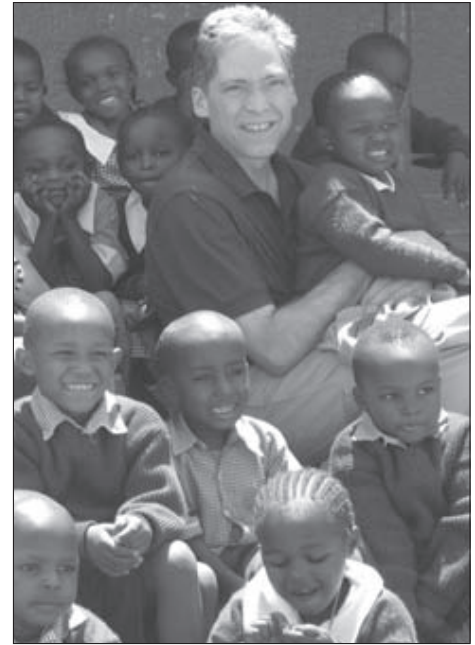
Masterson was one of nearly 20 specialists to use music and basic fellowship to help the kids share their stories and begin healing.

He said it was imperative to put aside the environment they were in if he expected to do any good.

"What's important is not to get overwhelmed by the enormity of the poverty but to focus on the potential that each child has," he said.

"We would build relationships with children one on one, look into their faces and see their desire to grow and learn."

Masterson described a bitter feeling of seeing children pressed against the gate that surrounded the school grounds — wishing they could attend. He said students couldn't be more grateful about where they were.



Courtesy of Kathy Cathey

Navy Lt. David Masterson, command chaplain at Camp Fuji, Japan, sits with children at the Kinyago-Dandora School in a slum area of Nairobi, Kenya. Masterson spent January teaching at the school and helping children suffering from PTSD.

"This is literally like a rescue mission operation," he said. "The alternative is you're in the slums basically withering in your house, or you're out in the garbage dump looking for food."

Masterson also visited a camp and assisted families displaced by the post-election violence, when hundreds of thousands fled their homes.

He called his experience in Africa "life changing" and said he would encourage any servicemember to take advantage of similar opportunities.

"Every day you go home and you're just so thankful and your heart is so happy because you know that what you did actually changed somebody's life and made a difference for them," he said. "And there's nothing more rewarding than that."

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## Blue Ridge sailors lend helping hand in Philippines



SEAMAN MEUSSA OAKES, A SAILOR ASSIGNED TO THE AMPHIBIOUS COMMAND SHIP USS BLUE RIDGE, TALKS TO CHILDREN FRIDAY IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, WHILE HELPING TO BUILD A PLAYGROUND DURING A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.

JOSH CASSATT  
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy



# Navy Crosses awarded to two posthumously

## Marines thwarted suicide bomber in Iraq

By TONY PERRY  
Los Angeles Times

Navy Cross medals were presented Friday to the families of two Marines who were killed while thwarting a suicide bomber and saving the lives of dozens of Marines and Iraqis.

Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter and Cpl. Jonathan Yale have earned "a place of legend in Marine Corps history for generations to come," Navy Secretary Donald Winter said at an emotional ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va.

Haerter, 19, and



Haerter

Yale, 21, were killed April 22, 2008, while acting as guards outside a Marine and Iraqi police compound in Ramadi, Iraq.

The Navy Cross is the second-highest medal for bravery that can be bestowed on a Marine or sailor. Twenty-five Navy Crosses have been awarded since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

A truck laden with 2,000 pounds of explosives raced toward the gate guarded by the two. While Iraqi guards fled, Haerter and Yale continued to fire at the truck speeding directly at them.

The truck slowed and exploded, fatally injuring the two Marines and flattening



Yale



Courtesy of the Marine Corps

**This photograph shows some of the destruction caused by a suicide bomber driving a truck on April 22. Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter and Cpl. Jonathan Yale were mortally wounded when the truck exploded near them, but their actions to stop it saved the lives of 50 Marines and Iraqi policemen.**

nearby buildings. But upward of 50 Marines and Iraqi police inside the compound were spared.

"The explosion blew out all of the windows over 150 meters from where the blast hit," said Lance Cpl. Benjamin Tupaj. "They saved all of our lives."

Parents of some of the Marines saved by Haerter and Yale attended the ceremony express their gratitude to the families.

"When Nick was in Iraq, we prayed to God to protect him," said Steven Xiarhos,

father of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Xiarhos. "But in reality, it was two of his brother Marines who saved him."

Yale was part of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment, Haerter to the 1st Battalion, 9th Regiment; both based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"Although not from the same unit, they acted as one in response to the threat," Winter said.

Haerter had only just arrived in Iraq; Yale was only a few days from going home.

# Lawyers to seek clemency for medic guilty of Iraqi killings

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — Lawyers say they will appeal for clemency in the case of an Army medic who was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after being found guilty of murder in the deaths of four Iraqi detainees in March 2007.

A panel of nine officers and noncommissioned officers found Sgt. Michael Leahy Jr., 26, guilty of premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder at a court-martial that ended Friday in Vilseck.

Leahy was one of three alleged shooters from Company A, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment involved in an incident in which the four bound and blindfolded detainees were shot execution-style before their bodies were dumped in a Baghdad canal.

In addition to the prison sentence, Leahy's penalty included a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to private.

Frank Spinner, Leahy's civilian lawyer, said he will begin the appeal process.

"Our next step will be to put together a clemency package," he said, adding that the convening authority, Joint Multinational Training Command chief Brig. Gen. David R. Hogg, "can convert a life sentence to a term of years."

Spinner also said the government will likely seek Leahy's cooperation in murder cases against two other soldiers — Master Sgt. John Hatley and



SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

**Sgt. Michael Leahy Jr. smokes a cigarette during a recess in his court-martial at Vilseck, Germany.**

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph P. Mayo — who also is accused of shooting the detainees.

Before the sentence was handed down, the defense called fellow soldiers, both enlisted men and officers, who had served with Leahy in combat and in garrison to testify to his character. All said he was the best medic they had ever served with.

For example, Sgt. Sauvaio Olaitalosaga, who served with Leahy in Iraq, recalled an incident in which the young medic tried to save the life of a wounded soldier by inserting a breathing tube in his neck after the man was badly wounded by a roadside bomb.

Others recalled his treatment of wounded and injured Iraqi

civilians and detainees and the fact that he'd risked his life for his country, earning a Purple Heart after getting shot in the neck by an enemy sniper.

Leahy's parents and in-laws spoke of their pride in their son and son-in-law, who watched tearfully from his seat in the courtroom.

The most emotional moment came when his wife took the stand and revealed that she is six weeks pregnant. "I pray that it is a healthy pregnancy and that Michael will be there to be with me and share the experiences of our first child," she said.

In an unsworn statement Leahy apologized to his family, his unit and the Army for his actions.

"I can see it was the wrong decision," he said.

At the time of the canal killings, Company A soldiers faced daily attacks by insurgents using small arms, mortars and roadside bombs, he said.

"I was treating combat injuries almost on a daily basis — mostly Iraqis injured by our Iraqis. The company had a total of six KIAs (soldiers killed in action) — two killed by snipers, three killed by [explosively formed projectiles] and one by a deep buried [roadside bomb]," he said.

The deployment was "absolute hell," he added.

"It was one of the most scary and stressful times of my life," he said. "I don't know how I made it in one piece."

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## U.S. soldier dies while on patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said an American soldier has died while conducting a combat patrol near Baghdad.

A statement said the Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldier died Saturday. It did not provide further details.

The incident is under investigation, and the soldier's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

From The Associated Press

## U.S. says 13 civilians killed during Afghanistan strikes

By JASON STRAZIUSO  
The Associated Press

KABUL — U.S. military airstrikes in western Afghanistan killed 13 Afghan civilians and only three militants, the U.S. said Saturday, three days after an American general traveled to the site to investigate.

Civilian casualties have been a huge source of friction between the U.S. and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who has stepped up demands that U.S. and NATO operations kill no civilians and that Afghan soldiers take part in the missions to help prevent unwanted deaths.

A U.S. military statement said the fact that a U.S. general traveled to the western province of Herat to investigate shows how seriously the U.S. takes civilian casualties.

The U.S. rarely releases the findings of civilian casualty investigations, and the disclosure this time could show the effect of Karzai's criticisms.

The U.S. military originally said 15 militants were killed Tuesday in a coalition operation in the Gozara district of Herat province, but Afghan officials said six women and two children were among the dead, casting doubt on the U.S. claim.

Afghan officials say the group

targeted in the airstrikes were living in two tents in a remote area. An ethnic group of Afghans known as Kuchis travel the countryside with livestock and live in tents.

Photographs obtained by The Associated Press from the site showed the body of a young boy — bloodied and dirtied — lying on a white shroud.

In response, Brig. Gen. Michael Ryan traveled to the site to meet with Afghan elders. Investigators found weapons and ammunition at the site, but concluded that 13 civilians were killed along with three militants, the U.S. said.

The Afghan Defense Ministry condemned the civilian deaths in a statement Wednesday but noted it would take more time to implement the agreement to allow more Afghan forces accompany U.S. operations. But it urged U.S. forces to "be very careful during their operations."

The investigative team's trip to Herat came one day after the U.N. released a report saying 2,118 civilians died in the Afghan war last year, a 40 percent increase over 2007 and the most in any year since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001 that ousted the Taliban's hard-line Islamist regime.



## IN THE WORLD

## Pakistan: 'Permanent cease-fire' in Swat

By SHERIN ZADA  
The Associated Press

MINGORA, Pakistan — A Pakistani official said Saturday that the Taliban and the Pakistani government had agreed to a "permanent cease-fire" in the restive northwest Swat Valley.

A Taliban spokesman would not directly confirm the arrangement.

The announcement by Syed Muhammad Javed, commissioner of the Malakand region, which includes Swat, was short on details but came amid government efforts to persuade the Swat Taliban to stop fighting in return for the imposition of Islamic law in the one-time tourist haven.

It came the same day a roadside bomb targeting an oil tanker bound for NATO forces in Afghanistan killed one person elsewhere in Pakistan's northwest. Also Saturday, the mother of an American kidnapped in Pakistan's southwest released a public appeal pleading for her son's freedom.

Al-Qaida and Taliban militants have seized pockets of Pakistan's northwest regions bordering Afghanistan. In Swat, the Taliban have beheaded opponents, burned scores of girls schools and terrorized the police force to gain control of much of the valley despite a lengthy military offensive.

In a deal with a hardline cleric linked to the Taliban, the government agreed to

legal changes establishing an Islamic justice system in exchange for peace. The cleric has been in talks with Taliban fighters, who declared last Sunday that they would observe a 10-day cease-fire in a goodwill gesture.

"The government and the Taliban fighters have decided to observe a permanent cease-fire," Javed told reporters at the Swat Press Club in the valley's main city of Mingora on Saturday. "The Taliban has agreed to it and so do we."

He would not give additional details.

However, Muslim Khan, spokesman for the Swat Taliban, told The Associated Press that the group wasn't ready to announce an agreement.

"We do welcome the government's announcement of the permanent cease-fire, but as far as the cease-fire from our side we can announce it on our own, and we will do that ourselves."

Javed said the government had decided to open all boys schools and girls schools up to grade four and would provide security. He appealed to Swat residents who have fled — up to one-third of the 1.5 million population — to return.

In recent months, militants have increasingly attacked traffic on the Khyber Pass, a legendary route elsewhere in Pakistan's northwest considered critical to transporting supplies to American and NATO forces across the border in Afghanistan.

## Hamas asks Obama for fair treatment in letter

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A Hamas official says he is the author of a letter to President Barack Obama asking the leader to treat Palestinians fairly and be open-minded with Hamas.

The letter was written by Ahmed Yousef, an adviser to Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh. The letter was given to U.N. officials, who passed it to Sen. John Kerry during a one-day visit to Gaza on Thursday.

Christopher Gunness, spokesman for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, said that he believed the letter was from Hamas.

Hamas is shunned by the U.S. and others as a terror group. The letter urges Obama to be open-minded in dealing with the Islamic militants.

## Train-bus accident kills 10 people in Slovakia

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — A Slovak news agency said a train collided with a bus in central Slovakia, killing 10 people and injuring about 20 others.

The national TASR news agency said the collision occurred about 9 a.m. Saturday at a train crossing near the town of Brezno. The bus was carrying 35 people.

TASR said the injured were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment and several have serious injuries.

The report said the train derailed but its passengers escaped with minor injuries.

From The Associated Press

## Clinton reassures China on economy

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chinese officials say they will expand high-level talks on economic issues to include troubling security matters as well.

The two nations also agreed Saturday to cooperate in stabilizing the global economy and combating climate change, putting aside long-standing concerns about human rights.

With the export-heavy Chinese economy reeling from the U.S. downturn, Clinton sought in meetings with Premier Wen Jiabao and other top Chinese government leaders to reassure Beijing that its massive holdings of U.S. Treasury notes and other government debt would remain a good investment.

"I appreciate greatly the Chinese government's continuing confidence in United States treasuries," Clinton said. "We have every reason to believe that the United States and China will recover." After a day of talks on her first visit to China as America's top diplomat, Clinton and Yang said a regular high-level



GREG BAKER/AP

**Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton chats with General Electric President Jack Wen during a visit on Saturday to the Taiyanggong Geothermal Power Plant in Beijing.**

U.S.-China dialogue on economic matters would be expanded to include security issues.

Details of the dialogue are to be finalized by President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao when they meet at an economic summit in London in early April, Clinton said.

Clinton and Yang said a regular high-level U.S.-China dialogue on economic matters would be expanded to include security issues.

## U.S. seeks improved ties, engagement with Syria

By SAM F. GHATTAS  
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — The United States and Syria are exploring the possibility of better relations after years of tension — but questions remain over just how much common ground exists between the two.

In a sign that President Barack Obama may be seeking better ties, several U.S. congressmen have passed through Syria in the past few days, including Sen. John Kerry, who arrived Saturday and met with President Bashar Assad.

The State Department also announced Friday it has scheduled a meeting this week with Syria's ambassador to the U.S. to discuss differences between the two countries — the first such meeting in months.

U.S.-Syrian relations have long been tense. Damascus' support for the militant organizations Hamas and Hezbollah has drawn the ire of Washington, which has also accused Syria of allowing foreign fighters to cross into Iraq. Syria, which staunchly opposed the 2003 invasion, insists it is doing all it can to safeguard its long, porous border.

Relations soured further when the Bush administration pulled the U.S. ambassador out of Syria in 2005 to protest Syria's sus-

pected role in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Damascus denied involvement in his death, but in the uproar that followed, it was forced to withdraw its troops from Lebanon, ending a 29-year military presence.

Kerry, who heads the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, did not speak after his meetings in Syria Saturday. But during his stop in Beirut on Wednesday, Kerry said the U.S. would renew diplomacy with Syria but in return expected Syria to "change its behavior" — particularly on Iraq and Lebanon.

"But unlike the Bush administration that believed you could simply tell people what to do and walk away and wait for them to do it, we believe we have to engage in a discussion," Kerry said.

Besides Kerry, the other Congress members on separate visits were Sen. Benjamin Cardin of Maryland and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Rep. Howard Berman of California.

Syria's ambassador to Washington described the congressional visits to Damascus as being "of extreme importance and depth." But he stressed he was still waiting to see if the visits change "the manner of dialogue between us and America."

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# N. Korea might test missile

By KWANG-TAE KIM  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea could be ready to test-fire a missile within days as satellite imagery has shown increased activity at a missile site over the past 48 hours, a respected defense publication reported.

A significant increase in launch preparations has occurred at the Musudan-ni missile site on the communist country's northeastern coast, said Joseph S. Bermudez Jr., a senior analyst at Jane's Information Group who specializes in North Korean defense and intelligence matters.

"The latest satellite images ... indicate that North Korea is preparing to launch either a prototype Taepodong 2 intermediate-range ballistic missile or a Paektusan 2 space launch vehicle within a matter of days," Jane's Defence Weekly said in a report issued Friday in London.

Washington, Seoul and Tokyo have repeatedly warned North Korea against firing a missile, saying it would trigger international sanctions. The Taepodong 2 missile is believed capable of reaching U.S. territory.

Bermudez said satellite images show the activation of launch equipment and radars, and the arrival of numerous trucks and support vehicles. Support facilities for the engine test stand were undergoing expansion, the report said.

North Korea unsuccessfully launched a Taepodong 2 missile in 2006. That test alarmed the world and gave new energy to the stop-and-start diplomacy over North Korea's nuclear program. The North is believed to possess up to a dozen nuclear warheads.

Ahead of the possible launch, the U.S., Japan and South Korea have increased intelligence collection efforts, including sorties of reconnaissance aircraft and the deployment of Aegis-equipped naval vessels and specialized reconnaissance ships, the Jane's report said.

North Korea has said it has the right to "space development" — a term it has used in the past to disguise a missile test as a satellite launch. When it test-fired a shorter-range Taepodong 1 missile over Japan in 1998, it claimed to have put a satellite into orbit.

On a regional tour, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urged North Korea to halt "provocative actions," noting Friday that such a missile test would violate a 2006 U.N. Security Council resolution banning the North from pursuing missile or nuclear programs.



AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

South Korean police officers pass by models of mock North Korea Scud-B missiles and other South Korean missiles at the Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul earlier this month. North Korea appears to be gearing up to test-fire a long-range missile.

However, North Korea continued its harsh rhetoric toward the South on Saturday, accusing President Lee Myung-bak of "blatantly" attacking and insulting its socialist system by suggesting it was responsible for the country's food shortages.

Critics fault Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, right, for standing behind ex-Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa, center, after he seemed drunk at a conference.

KATSUMI KASAHARA/AP



## Aso's disapproval rate climbing, poll shows

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Embattled Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso faced more pressure to resign Saturday as a poll showed more than 70 percent of respondents want him to quit and a senior politician within the ruling party questioned his ability to lead.

Aso's popularity has rapidly eroded, most recently fed by a deepening economic recession, a series of political gaffes and a perception of weak leadership.

The Asahi newspaper survey showed 71 percent of respondents want Aso to resign. The poll also found the approval rating for the Cabinet dipped to 13 percent — down 1 percentage point from two weeks ago — with the disapproval rate rising to 75 percent from 72 percent.

Sixty-four percent of respondents said they want an early election, according to the poll. Elections must be held for the powerful lower house of parliament by the end of September, but could be called at any time.

Hidenao Nakagawa, a ruling Liberal Democratic Party heavyweight and former Chief Cabinet Secretary, said Saturday that support within the party for Aso also has faded.

"Very few of us now want to head into elections under Mr.

Aso's leadership," Nakagawa told the TV Tokyo talk show. "But we'll have to wait until budget approval to decide if or when we should have a new leader or hold elections."

The approval for the budget is expected to come in April.

In another serious blow, popular former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi openly criticized Aso last week, threatening to oppose one of his key economic stimulus plans. Opposition parties also have attacked the plan as ineffective and a vote-buying attempt.

Koizumi's dissent deepened divisions within the Liberal Democratic Party, where he is still influential.

Aso came under fire for not immediately firing Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa who resigned last week over claims he seemed intoxicated during a G-7 news conference in Rome.

Japan can hardly afford another political or economic misstep. Unemployment is climbing, consumer spending is falling and companies are struggling as the economy contracts at its fastest clip in 35 years.

The Asahi, which interviewed 1,044 eligible voters Feb. 19-20 through random telephone interviews, gave no margin of error for the poll.

## China: Villagers beat chief over relief funds

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Farmers in earthquake-devastated southwest China beat a village chief and clashed with police last week after they claimed they were cheated out of relief subsidies, state media said.

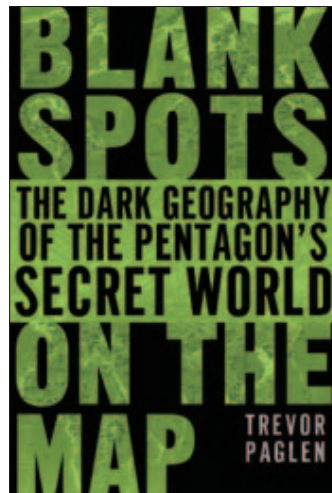
Wednesday's clash in Anxian county — one of the hardest-hit areas from last May's quake — left an unspecified number of farmers and police injured and calm was restored after 100 police were brought in, the official Xinhua News Agency said late Friday.

Xinhua reported tensions flared after five villagers

said they were denied subsidies and beat the head of Yongquan village. After some of the farmers were detained for the beating, 20 more villagers then surrounded the local police station.

The misuse of relief supplies and funds has been a constant problem since the 7.9-magnitude earthquake jolted Sichuan province and surrounding areas on May 12, leaving 90,000 people dead or missing and 5 million homeless. Victims said officials were giving supplies to relatives rather than to people most in need.

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## IN THE STATES

## Nigerian man accused of \$27 million scheme

NEW YORK — Prosecutors have accused a Nigerian man of trying to swindle nearly \$27 million from an account in New York held by Ethiopia's central bank.

The U.S. Attorney's office in New York says Paul Gabriel Amos pleaded not guilty Friday to conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud.

## Arrest may be close in Chandra Levy slaying

WASHINGTON — Media reports in Washington and California say that an arrest may be close in the slaying of the former federal intern whose disappearance ended Gary Condit's congressional career.

WRC in Washington and KGO, KFSN and KCRA in California say D.C. police are seeking an arrest warrant in Chandra Levy's death.

## NASA delays launch of space shuttle, again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA has delayed the launch of space shuttle Discovery for a fourth time amid valve concerns.

After meeting all day Friday at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, shuttle managers decided against launching this week. The launch had been targeted for no sooner than Feb. 27.

Officials said they believe they have a realistic shot at launching Discovery to the international space station before mid-March.

## Socks, Clinton's cat in the White House, dies

BALTIMORE — Socks, the White House cat during the Clinton administration who waged war on Buddy the pup, has died. He was around 18.

Socks had lived with Bill Clinton's secretary, Betty Currie, in Hollywood, Md., since the Clintons left the White House in early 2001.

Currie confirmed Socks' death Friday evening and said she was "heartbroken." She did not give details, referring calls to the Clinton Foundation office.

From The Associated Press

## Obama plans to halve deficit by 2013

By LIZ SIDOTI  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants to cut the federal deficit in half by the end of his first term, mostly by scaling back Iraq war spending, raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans and streamlining government, an administration official said Saturday as the president worked to finalize his first budget request.



Obama

Obama's proposal for the 2010 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 projects that the \$1.3 trillion deficit he inherited from former President George

## President rejects new motorists tax

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday rejected his transportation secretary's suggestion that the administration consider taxing motorists based on how many miles they drive instead of how much gasoline they buy.

"It is not and will not be the policy of the Obama administration," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters, when asked for the president's thoughts about Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's suggestion, raised in an interview.

W. Bush will be halved to \$533 billion by 2013. That's a difference of 9.2 percent of the overall economy now versus 3 percent in four years.

He's expected to outline broad themes of his budget request Monday at a White House summit on fiscal policy and touch on it during his first speech to Congress on Tuesday evening.

## Obama: Tax cuts will be felt by April 1

Washington — How soon will Americans start reaping the benefits of tax cuts? By April 1, according to President Barack Obama. "Never before in our history has a tax cut taken effect faster or gone to so many hardworking Americans," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

He said the Treasury Department has begun directing employers to reduce the amount of taxes withheld from people's paychecks and that a typical family will start taking home at least \$65 more every month.

From The Associated Press

will be "sober in its assessments, honest in its accounting, and lays out in detail my strategy for investing in what we need, cutting what we don't, and restoring fiscal discipline."

The official who disclosed the details spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president has not yet released his budget plan.

## Small Oregon bank is 14th to fail this year stateside

By MADLEN READ  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regulators on Friday closed Silver Falls Bank in Silverton, Ore. — the 14th federally insured institution to fail this year, and the second based in Oregon.

Silver Falls Bank, a community bank that opened in May 2000, had \$131.4 million in assets and \$116.3 million in deposits as of Feb. 9. The last Oregon-based bank to close was Beaverton-based Pinnacle Bank, earlier this month.

Citizens Bank of Corvallis, Ore., is assuming Silver Falls Bank's deposits. It also is taking over its three branches and buying about

\$13 million in assets, including cash, securities and overdraft loans.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., appointed receiver of Silver Falls Bank, will retain the bank's remaining assets.

The FDIC estimated that the cost of Silver Falls Bank's failure to the federal deposit insurance fund will be \$50 million. Regular deposit accounts are insured up to \$250,000.

The bank failure wave began last year, when 25 U.S. banks were seized by regulators — more than in the previous five years combined. As home prices plunge and layoffs escalate, banks have seen loan defaults soar. And the trend has only been worsening as the

recession deepens.

The FDIC has estimated that through 2013, the deposit insurance fund will lose as much as \$40 billion, including an \$8.9 billion loss from the failure of IndyMac Bank last July. To replenish the fund — which now stands at a five-year low of about \$35 billion — the agency has raised the insurance premiums banks and thrifts must pay.

Of the roughly 8,500 federally insured banks and thrifts, the FDIC had 171 on its confidential list of troubled institutions as of Sept. 30. That was a nearly 50 percent jump from the second quarter and the highest tally since late 1995.

## American whose in-law is tied to terrorism arrested in Calif.

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS  
AND CHRISTINE HANLEY  
Los Angeles Times

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A Tustin, Calif., man of Afghan origin who failed to mention in his application for U.S. citizenship that his brother-in-law is designated as an al-Qaida terrorist appeared in federal court Friday to answer charges that could send him to prison for 35 years.

Ahmadullah Sais Niazi's detention hearing in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana was postponed until Tuesday because of an attorney scheduling conflict, but the 34-year-old defendant used the occasion to accuse federal agents of trying to force him to become an informant.

"I was blackmailed. I did not do what they told me to do," he told reporters in the courtroom, explaining what he saw as the motive for his arrest. "I want justice. I want fairness."

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Federal agents descended at dawn on the small tract home in Tustin where Niazi has lived for at least eight years with his wife and three young children.

He submitted quietly to the arrest, and stunned neighbors watched for three hours as agents, some in body armor, searched the single-story house for evidence that Niazi lied to government officials about his background and foreign travel.

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Police search rooms at the Motel 6 in early February in Jeffersonville, Ind., after two police officers were shot while responding to a call at the motel. A suspect in the shooting was found dead Friday.

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## Suspect in Indiana shooting found dead after standoff

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A man suspected of shooting two Indiana police officers in an ambush was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot Friday night, hours after he had barricaded himself in a Louisville house.

Negotiators tried all day to end the standoff peacefully, but the suspect was found dead at 8:45 p.m. after he shot himself, said Louisville Metro Police spokesman Robert Biven. Police had deployed gas inside the house around that time, Biven said.

Police had earlier said the suspect in the house was Robert Datillo, 37, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Datillo was wanted by investigators probing the shootings of the officers at a motel Thursday in southern Indiana, just across the Ohio River from Louisville. Both officers were in stable condition Friday.

"It's always to our interests to have the person come out. Unfortunately, this person decided to take his own life," Biven said.

Police had said Datillo indicated he was armed during the daylong standoff. A SWAT team, hostage negotiators and federal agents had descended on the neighborhood around 10:30 a.m. after a vehicle believed linked to the shootings was seen there, said Alicia Smiley, a Louisville police spokeswoman.

In southern Indiana, police questioned two other men about the shootings and later released them, saying they were no longer considered suspects in the shooting. However, Jeffersonville, Ind., Detective Todd Hollis said police hadn't ruled out charges at a later date for Vincent Windell Jr., 22, and Kyle Bieber, 19, Datillo's nephew.

The two men acknowledged they had at some point Thursday been in the motel room where Jeffersonville Cpl. Dan Lawhorn, 39, and Patrolman Keith Broady, 32, were shot, Hollis said.

The ordeal began that evening when the officers went to a Motel 6 in the Indiana city, which is just across the Ohio River from Louisville, to investigate reports of drug activity.

## Governors mull alternatives on stimulus funds

By BETH FOUHY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress and President Barack Obama developed the economic stimulus plan as a lifeline. Not all U.S. governors see it that way and are debating whether the billions available can help their states ride out the economic tidal wave.

Amid budget woes, the deepening recession and conflicting views on the aid plan, state leaders descended on the capital Saturday to discuss the foreclosure crisis and public works projects.

A few high-profile governors were absent.

Among them were Bill Richardson, the New Mexico Democrat who was Obama's first choice to head the Commerce Department and now faces a federal probe involving a state contract awarded to one of his big political donors, and Alaska's Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, who is busy with her state's legislative session.

Among Democrats, much attention was on Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who has emerged as a potential contender as health secretary in Obama's Cabinet.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination for the post after admitting he had not paid all his taxes since leaving Congress.

On the Republican side, some governors with an eye on the 2012 presidential contest have taken prominent and sometimes opposing views of the \$787 billion stimulus plan Obama signed into law.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford is a chief critic, saying it will deepen the U.S. federal debt without stimulating the economy as Obama has promised.

Several other Republican governors have expressed similar misgivings, including Palin and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana.

No governor has explicitly rejected stimulus dollars, although some may decide not to accept portions of it.

## UCLA asks: Where in the world is Osama bin Laden?

By THOMAS H. MAUGH II

AND KAREN KAPLAN

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — University of California, Los Angeles, geographers think they have a good idea where terrorist Osama bin Laden has been hiding.

Using standard geographical tools routinely employed to locate endangered species and fugitive criminals, the group said there is a high probability that the al-Qaida leader has been hiding in one of three buildings in the northwest Pakistani city of Parachinar, a longtime hide-out for mujahedeens.

"He may be sitting there right now," said UCLA biogeographer Thomas W. Gillespie, who led the study published online Tuesday in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology International Review, an interdisciplinary journal of international affairs.

Gillespie said he and his students contacted the FBI's local field office — walking distance from the UCLA campus — before publishing their paper, but they haven't heard back.

Laura Eimiller, a spokeswoman for the

agency's Los Angeles bureau, said the information was forwarded to two people working on the case, but "because it is an active investigation, it would not be appropriate" to comment on the information's fate.

The study relies on two geographic principles used to predict the distribution of wildlife. The first, known as distance-decay theory, holds that as an animal — or person — moves farther away from its preferred habitat, the probability of finding a compatible environment decreases exponentially.

The second principle, called island biogeographic theory, holds that the animal or person is most likely to move into the largest, closest area that can fulfill all its needs.

Gillespie and his students started with a satellite map centered on bin Laden's last known location, in Tora Bora, in eastern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border. The group eliminated areas in Afghanistan because they were under the control of U.S. forces at the time of bin Laden's disappearance. Then the group evaluated the cities and towns in the remaining territory and calculated the likelihood that bin Laden



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would have relocated to them.

They concluded that he must have trekked nearly 2 miles over mountainous terrain to the Pakistani tribal area of Kurram and settled in Parachinar, the largest city in the region, with a population of half a million.

The class zeroed in further by searching satellite images for buildings with walls at least 10 feet high (for safety), at least three rooms (to house bin Laden's bodyguards) and electricity (to power his kidney dialy-

sis machine), among other features. The sleuths settled on two compounds that are thought to be residences, and a third, with crenelated towers on the corners, that may be a prison or an army officers club.

"You develop a testable hypothesis that can be accepted or rejected just like in any other type of science," Gillespie said. In this case, the testing would require checking the buildings to see who is there.

Such geographic profiling techniques have been used to capture lesser criminals, said Kim Rossmo, director of the Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation at Texas State University.

"This is a paper that should be paid attention to by the military and intelligence agencies for some of the ideas," Rossmo said. "But it's not going to be a case of, 'X marks the spot, there's Osama bin Laden.'"

One conclusion the group is fairly confident about is that bin Laden is not living in a cave. A cave would have to have a sealed entrance, be heated and ventilated, and have supplies trucked in regularly. Those physical manifestations could be easily detected from space, they said.

### Donation drop spurs Red Cross layoffs

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Faced with a continuing decline in donations, the American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey has laid off four full-time employees — 10 percent of its total staff.

The financial problems in New Jersey mirror difficulties the Red Cross is having nationwide.

Staffers have been laid off in San Diego and Long Beach, Calif.; western Oregon; Minnesota's Twin Cities; Tampa, Fla.; and elsewhere. Office hours have been cut, salaries trimmed and training programs scrapped.

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# And the Oscar goes to Matilda if Ledger wins

BY STEVE POND  
The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

If Heath Ledger is named best supporting actor at Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony, his daughter, 3-year-old Matilda Rose Ledger, will become the owner of the Oscar statuette.

But it won't really be hers until her 18th birthday on Oct. 28, 2023 — and even then, only if she signs a contract. Matilda, daughter of the late Ledger and actress Michelle Williams, has been designated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the eventual owner of her father's Oscar, should he win for his portrayal of the Joker in "The Dark Knight."

The actor died of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs last year at the age of 28.

But Ledger's nomination, and his daughter's young age, led to one of the trickiest situations the academy has dealt with in its eight decades of awarding posthumous Oscars.

"It's complicated, because there are two different questions that have to be answered," says Bruce Davis, executive director of the academy. "First, we have to decide who gets the job of accepting the award onstage on the night of the ceremony. And then there's the question of the eventual disposition of the posthumous statuette, which may not stay with the person who accepts it."

In Ledger's case, says Davis, the second question was the hardest to answer.

Academy tradition calls for a posthumous statuette to go to the spouse, or, if there is no living spouse, to the oldest child. Ledger wasn't married, and Matilda is his only child.

Yet because she is only 3, Matilda is legally unable to sign



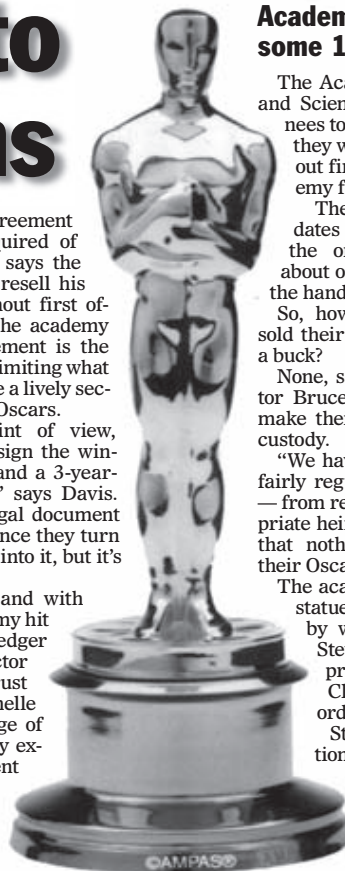
Ledger

the winner's agreement — a contract required of all nominees that says the recipient will not resell his or her Oscar without first offering it back to the academy for \$1. The agreement is the academy's way of limiting what might otherwise be a lively secondary market in Oscars.

"From our point of view, somebody has to sign the winner's agreement, and a 3-year-old can't do that," says Davis. "Nor can a parent sign any kind of legal document that obligates a child to do something once they turn 18. I didn't know that before we looked into it, but it's a good law."

After conversations with Williams and with Ledger's family in Australia, the academy hit on a solution: "In the event that Heath Ledger should be selected as the supporting actor recipient, the statuette will be held in trust for his daughter by her mother, Michelle Williams, until Matilda reaches the age of 18," says Davis. "At that point, she may execute what we call an heir's agreement and keep the statuette forever — or, if she chooses not to do that, it will return to us."

In other words, the Oscar statuette can spend the next 15 years with Matilda, but her mother, who has signed the academy's agreement, will be the legal custodian.



AMPAS/AP

## Academy has custody of some 100 orphaned Oscars

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences requires all Oscar nominees to sign a contract specifying that they will not sell their statuette without first offering it back to the academy for \$1.

The so-called winner's agreement dates back to 1951, at a time when the organization began to worry about orphaned Oscars winding up in the hands of the highest bidder.

So, how many Oscar winners have sold their statuettes to the academy for a buck?

None, says AMPAS Executive Director Bruce Davis, although Oscars still make their way back to the academy's custody.

"We have statuettes willed back to us fairly regularly — maybe two per year — from recipients who don't have appropriate heirs, or who just want to be sure that nothing undignified ever befalls their Oscar," Davis says.

The academy says it owns almost 100 statuettes that have been returned by winners, heirs, or buyers like Steven Spielberg, who purchased pre-agreement Oscars won by Clark Gable and Bette Davis in order to return them to AMPAS.

Statuettes from the collection occasionally go on display at academy headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif., and eventually, the organization's long-planned Oscar museum in Hollywood will include space for more of the collection.

From The Associated Press



Heath Ledger  
as the Joker in  
"The Dark Knight."

Warner Brothers



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Rapper T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., speaks to high school students in the chambers of the Georgia Supreme Court in Atlanta on Friday.

## T.I. goes back to court — to talk to teenagers

A month from beginning a year-long federal prison sentence, rapper T.I. was in court again Friday, but this time he wasn't in the hot seat.

The 28-year-old performer, whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., spoke to dozens of high school students — half serving juvenile sentences — gathered at the Georgia Supreme Court in Atlanta.

"You can see from me that nobody is too rich, too famous, too cool, too good-looking or too young to make a

mistake and pay a price for it," said Harris. "More important than the mistake you make, though, is what you are able to take away from that mistake. How can you use that mistake to ensure you will never make a similar mistake again?"

T.I.'s appearance was part of 1,000 hours of community service he must complete as part of his guilty plea a year ago to federal firearms charges.

## Rosie O'Donnell hopes to film again in Detroit

Rosie O'Donnell says she hopes to

film again in Detroit on the heels of her new Lifetime movie, "America," which was shot last year in the Motor City.

The nation's foster care system provides the backdrop for the movie, which premieres Feb. 28.

O'Donnell tells the Detroit Free Press by phone that "whatever movie we do next, we're going to do there."

Based on E.R. Frank's book, "America" centers on 17-year-old America, who's been in foster care since infancy. He's a patient of Dr. Maureen Brennan, played by O'Donnell.

Stories and photos from wire services

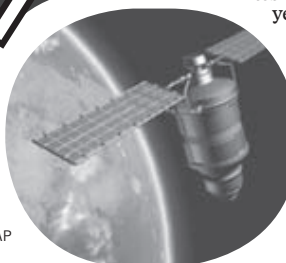


## SCIENCE &amp; MEDICINE



Above: An artist's drawing of catalogued objects in Earth's orbit.  
Right: An artist's drawing of an Iridium satellite orbiting Earth.

ESA/AP



NASA/AP

## Agency to keep better tabs on space debris

By MELISSA EDDY  
The Associated Press

DARMSTADT, Germany — Wary of the multitude of satellites in Earth's orbit, the European Space Agency has begun a program to monitor space debris and set up uniform standards to prevent future collisions far above the planet.

The \$64 million program — dubbed Space Situational Awareness — aims to increase information for scientists on the ground about the estimated 13,000 satellites and other man-made bodies orbiting the planet, said ESA space debris expert Jean-Francois Kaufeler.

The program was launched in January. On Feb. 10, the collision of two satellites generated space junk that could circle Earth and threaten other satellites for the next 10,000 years.

"What the last accident showed us is that we need to do much more. We need to be receiving much more precise data in order to prevent further collisions," Kaufeler

said of the collision.

The smashup happened 500 miles over Siberia and involved a derelict Russian spacecraft designed for military communications and a working satellite owned by U.S.-based Iridium, which served commercial customers as well as the U.S. Defense Department.

A key element of the program is to increase the amount of information shared worldwide between the various space agencies, including NASA and Russia's Roscosmos, Kaufeler said.

Kaufeler also said that another aspect that must be examined is establishing international standards on how debris is described, tracked and, if needed, moved so as to prevent any collisions.

U.S. and Russian officials traded shots over who should be blamed for the collision that spewed speeding clouds of debris into space, threatening other unmanned spacecraft in nearby orbits.

No one has any idea yet how many pieces of space junk were generated by the collision or how big they might be. But the crash scattered space junk in orbits 300 to 800 miles above Earth, according to Maj. Gen. Alexander Yakushin, chief of staff for the Russian military's Space Forces.

"We need more precision in space," said Kaufeler. "The current measurements (of space debris) are not precise enough."

## Powered by wind and solar energy, polar base puts out zero emissions

**The Princess Elisabeth Station in Utsteinen, Antarctica, is a zero-emission facility.**  
R. ROBERT, INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION/AP

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Belgium opened a new \$26 million "zero emissions" polar science station in Antarctica, returning to the continent to study climate change 42 years after closing its first base there.

The Princess Elisabeth research hub is totally energy self-sufficient and also aims not to emit any carbon dioxide emissions, according to International Polar Foundation that runs the base.

The octagonal, spaceship-like base sits on stilts on a ridge a few miles north of the Soer Rondane Mountains. It will focus on analyzing nearby deep ice shelves.

The station's roof is covered by solar panels, designed to provide the bulk of energy needed to run the isolated post. Other energy sources will come from large wind turbines.

The base is expected to have a lifespan of 25 years and will conduct research in climatology, glaciology and microbiology. Teams of scientists, including glaciologists, are already at work there from Belgium, Japan, France, Britain and the United States.

Maaïke Van Cauwenbergh, from the Belgian Science Policy Office, said the base is in an isolated area "where there has been little research done," in a vast 600-mile zone between Russian and Japanese research stations.

"The Princess Elisabeth station at tests that there is growing public interest in projects carrying a message of sustainable development, especially in terms of energy management," the polar group said in a statement. "The conception of a 'zero emission' building capable of standing up to the extreme conditions in the Antarctic goes to show that similar techniques can also be deployed in more temperate areas of the world," it added.

The prefabricated station took two years to move from Belgium to the South Pole, where it was rebuilt.

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## YOUR MONEY

# Many troops still confident in investments

## Some moving more money into safer G Fund

By **BYRCE S. DUBEE**  
Stars and Stripes

In these tough economic times, as millions around the world remain unsure about their futures, many servicemembers said they remain confident in their long-term financial security.

In a recent survey, 47 percent of servicemembers who responded said they feel either very confident or somewhat confident about their ability to retire comfortably.

The survey was conducted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Foundation in cooperation with the Employee Benefit Research Institute and Mathew Greenwald and Associates. Results were released Thursday.

"[The recession] hasn't really affected me directly," said Senior

Airman Adam Guy, assigned to the 374th Communication Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Guy said even though he invests regularly in his military Thrift Savings Plan, at age 23 he's not overly preoccupied with how the current downturn will affect his retirement down the road.

He plans to leave the Air Force in about nine months to attend nursing school, and to roll his TSP into a 401(k) and keep saving.

On the other end of the spectrum, Senior Master Sgt. Ron Parks, who retired on Friday, echoed a similar level of confidence.

"Because servicemembers tend to retire at a fairly young age," he said, "the TSP and mutual funds aren't something we count on right away when we retire." Investors can withdraw funds from TSP without penalties beginning at age 59 1/2.

Navy Lt. John Bobo, 38, of Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, said he sensed the markets were heading downhill nearly a year ago and moved his retirement savings from TSP's International Stock

Index Investment Fund (I Fund) to the safer Government Securities Fund (G Fund).

The move helped him weather the fallout in late summer and early autumn and the money has stayed put as the world economy has continued to slide, he said.

"I am just going to leave my money in the G Fund until things start to turn around and the economy comes back online," Bobo said.

Among the more than 20 soldiers at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, queried by Stars and Stripes about TSP funds, almost all said they prefer the low-risk G Funds.

"The G Funds provide a basic safety net," said Lt. Col. Tim Napora, 65th Medical Brigade. "I have some higher-risk mutual funds, but the TSP was just to diversify."

People worried about losing money might be tempted to park their savings in the G Fund, but Jim McDaniel, a community readiness technician at Yokota, warned that might not be best for all investors.

He said each person should look at the funds available to see what suits them, based on factors such as their tolerance for risk and the time they have left before retirement.

Craig Banks, 47, a civilian employee in Sasebo, said he is still investing in the I Fund because of the high returns even after the economic crash.

"If you were making 30 to 40 percent and that was cut in half, you are still making money," Banks said.

But he said he has started to move more money into the G fund because it provides a slow but steady amount of interest as part of his retirement plan.

"Hopefully, I can retire soon, maybe in another 10 years," Banks said. "Once I go, I don't want to worry about money or have to get another job or some-

thing. When I retire, I am done."

McDaniel also said that TSP investors can invest in the Life-cycle funds, a combination of securities, fixed and stock index funds that shift from more aggressive to more conservative and secure as the fund matures.

Capt. Scott Mignot, with the 8th Army in South Korea, said he avoids the TSP entirely, preferring to invest in a Roth Individual Retirement Account and mutual funds because they give him more control over his money. He also complained that TSP doesn't offer the same benefits as its civilian counterparts.

"There's no matching funds," he said. "The civilian version of TSP offers matching funds like a 401(k)."

But regardless of what you choose to invest in, McDaniel said it's important for investors to not get scared off by recent bad news.

"People are afraid to invest because they hear all this doom and gloom," he said. "The potential is there for all of us to become millionaires."

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Among the more than 20 soldiers at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, queried by Stars and Stripes about TSP funds, almost all said they prefer the low-risk G Fund over the I Fund.  
ILLUSTRATION BY BEV SCHILLING  
Stars and Stripes

### Helpful financial sites

**Retirement pay calculator**  
<https://staynavytools.bol.navy.mil/RetCalc/Default.aspx>

**Military pay Web site**  
<http://www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/pay/index.html>

**The Thrift Savings Plan official Web site**  
<http://www.tsp.gov>

**MyPay**  
<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

**Free annual credit report**  
<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

**SaveAndInvest.org**  
<http://www.saveandinvest.org/Military/index.htm>  
From staff reports

### FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD Chg	52-week % Chg
High	Low						
13,136.69	7,447.55	Dow Jones Industrials	7,365.67	-100.28	-1.34	-16.07	-40.51
5,536.57	2,694.80	Dow Jones Transportation	2,698.87	-9.43	-0.35	-23.70	-42.34
530.57	294.30	Dow Jones Utilities	335.89	-8.42	-2.45	-9.40	-32.49
9,687.24	4,607.47	NYSE Composite	4,804.51	-76.65	-1.57	-16.55	-47.00
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,333.49	-18.04	-1.33	-4.58	-41.46
2,551.47	1,295.48	Nasdaq Composite	1,441.23	-1.59	-0.11	-8.61	-37.43
1,440.24	741.02	S&P 500	770.05	-8.89	-1.14	-14.75	-43.09
897.37	406.45	S&P MidCap	466.62	-3.93	-0.84	-13.31	-41.75
764.38	371.30	Russell 2000	410.96	-5.75	-1.38	-17.72	-40.91
14,564.81	7,340.74	DJ Wilshire 5000	7,802.20	-87.03	-1.10	-14.14	-42.90

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	8241066	3.79	-14
Citigrp	6089881	1.95	-56
SPDR Fnd	4036958	7.44	-11
WellsFargo	3704400	10.91	-110
GenElec	3222757	9.38	-68
ProUtlFin	2074709	2.20	-03
DirxFinM	1991546	4.90	-14
JPMorgCh	1348703	19.90	-70
ProUtlSP	1242482	19.03	-43
ISHMktS	1011467	21.52	-56

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	4472749	77.42	-76
PSCrudeDL	346611	1.97	-04
SP Mid	152290	84.91	-73
BarcGSOL	42802	15.68	+13
EldorGld	42631	9.02	+48
NovaGld	32939	3.18	+21
NhtgM	30388	1.43	+03
GoldStr	26696	1.71	+06
CFCDG	26457	12.31	+29
US Gold	20369	2.40	+02

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	2031798	28.87	+08
Intel	725881	12.78	+10
Microsoft	688217	18.00	+09
Dell Inc	665926	8.41	+29
Cisco	589780	15.08	+04
FifthThird	545679	1.03	-18
Oracle	464179	16.56	-27
RschMotn	24606	39.15	-24
ApklMail	335848	8.76	+42
HuntBnk	320843	1.36	+33

### KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
Alliant Technosystem	...	10	75.33	-1.85	-12.2	
Boeing	1.68	10	36.31	-1.26	-14.9	
Computer Sciences	...	6	36.64	-21	+4.3	
General Dynamics	1.40	8	50.82	-1.05	-11.8	
General Electric	1.24	5	9.38	-68	-42.1	
Halliburton	36	10	17.07	+07	-6.1	
Northrop	80	17	39.14	-75	+2.9	
Allied Signal	1.21	8	28.84	-1.39	-12.2	
L-3 Communications	1.40	11	75.47	-65	+2.3	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	77.76	+59	-7.5	
Northrop	1.60	12	44.43	-1.03	-1.4	
Raytheon	1.12	12	45.56	-82	-10.7	
Rockwell Intd.	1.16	6	22.07	-01	-31.5	
Texas Instruments	44	10	15.04	+08	-3.1	
Textron Inc.	92	3	6.25	+01	-54.9	
United Technologies	1.54	9	43.99	-73	-17.9	

### KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	%Ret.	YTD
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	45.53	-42	-0.9	
Fidelity Spartan: EoLdInv	27.33	-31	-14.3	
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.73	+02	+1	
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	10.95	-11	-16.9	
Fidelity Invest: AlmgroS	10.28	-07	-5.2	
Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	20.93	-30	-16.5	
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	13.31	-06	-7.9	
Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	7.73	-14	-17.7	
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	10.33	-12	-11.0	
AIM Investments A: Const p	15.64	-17	-7.1	
Frank Temp Fmk A: SMCpGrA	18.83	-14	-7.2	
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	9.78	-12	-10.8	
Fidelity Advisor T: EoLdInt	13.45	-21	-20.7	
Fidelity Advisor T: GroOpt	17.77	-12	-6.7	
DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	28.80	-37	-16.3	
Putnam Funds A: GldEqty p	5.45	-07	-14.4	
Lord Abbett A: DevGTA p	9.93	-12	-6.4	
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	11.15	-12	-17.0	
DWS Invest S: CorPlsnc x	9.59	-03	-5	

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Feb. 23)	91.00
South Korean won (Feb. 23)	1,463.00
Euro costs (Feb. 23)	\$1.2945
Dollar buys (Feb. 23)	£ 0.7725
British pound (Feb. 23)	\$1.47
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.4442
Canada (Dollar)	1.2484
China (Yuan)	6.8382
Denmark (Krone)	5.8038
Egypt (Pound)	5.5680
Euro	\$1.2841/0.7788
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7540
Hungary (Forint)	236.07
Israel (Shekel)	4.1504
Japan (Yen)	93.10
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2941
Norway (Krone)	6.7851
Philippines (Peso)	48.21
Poland (Zloty)	3.70
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.5283
South Korea (Won)	1,459.40
Switzerland (Franc)	1.548
Thailand (Baht)	35.74
Turkey (New Lira)	1.6965
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

### PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$1,001.80
Silver	\$14.488

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.26
30-year bond	3.57
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

### GM asks for \$4.8B loan from Canada

TORONTO — The Canadian subsidiary of General Motors Corp. requested about 6 billion Canadian dollars (US\$4.8 billion) in government loans in a bid to stay afloat.

In a restructuring proposal submitted to the federal and provincial Ontario governments, GM Canada outlined how it intends to again become viable and repay government loans. The GM plan did not include a specific dollar figure it seeks in bailout funds, but said the amount would be proportionate to the \$30-billion its parent company requested of Washington earlier this week.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A matter of perspective

The recent headlines of a new program in Yongsan to benefit spouses with Priority Placement Program help must have been a big slap in the face to all those working people who recently lost their jobs ("Yongsan eyes jobs for spouses," article, Feb. 17). These people were basically fired because of the interpretation of their status of forced agreement status.

This is like an arsonist going back to watch a fire he started. It is ironic how different people can read and interpret different things from the same book, depending on their motive.

Master Sgt. Carl Turnbow (retired)  
Camp Walker, South Korea

## 'Ragbags' lead dangerous life

This is in response to "Just because you're deployed, you don't have to look like a ragbag" (article, Feb. 14).

Those who sit on bases and never leave the wire have no room to talk about being in a combat zone.

I've been stationed at a combat outpost [near] Sadr City, the most hostile of places in Iraq. Every day as infantry soldiers we patrol the streets with a threat of being shot, blown up or getting into a firefight. So we don't have time to worry about what our hands and feet begin to look like.

Yes, we chose this job, and by no means would do anything else in this military. But what I don't understand is how anyone can say he's had a hard day of soldiering when he doesn't know what that life is even like. Taking a shower is something of a luxury to us. Eating a hot meal or even having time to call home are just a few things we rarely get to do.

Between being on patrol [and being a part of a] quick-reaction force because your fellow brother in arms got blown up driving down the road, relaxing is not one of the words in our vocabulary.

All I'm saying is, until someone experiences our lifestyle, [he shouldn't] say that because you are deployed you don't have to look like a ragbag. Those ragbags are outside the wire risking their lives daily to keep the base safe and secure.

So, before someone passes judgment, [he should] remember the reason his cosmopolitan city is the way it is, is because of us ragbags.

SpC. Kenton Gottshall  
Iraq

## Coulter: Wrong and offensive

Regarding Ann Coulter's Feb. 9 column "Single moms are to blame, not poverty": Her words were offensive enough to elicit anger bordering wrath and demeaning enough to draw tears. I am very disappointed that Stars and Stripes would even run such a piece.

It is no secret that the military is in general conservative and that there are many Stripes readers who are sympathetic to Coulter. However, this column went beyond far beyond opinion and dangerously ap-

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proached slander. Coulter compares smokers and single mothers and finds smokers to be the more productive and "cool" of the two. I work in a squadron with many smokers and about as many single mothers as those in a dual-spouse home, and Coulter could not be more wrong in her conclusions.

The single mothers in our squadron are hard-working to a fault, giving countless hours of overtime. Several even secure extended child care on their own dime because they exceed the 10 maximum hours that the Child Development Centers will allow.

The smokers in our squadron take many smoke breaks throughout the day and with only a few exceptions are the least fit. Fitness is an integral part of readiness, and consistent work stoppages — smoke breaks or otherwise — without question lead to inefficiency. It is one thing for Coulter as a smoker to find those who share her addiction guiltless but it is another completely unacceptable thing for her to paint single mothers as guilty and less productive members of civil society.

Stripes should run columns that encourage single mothers — and, for that matter, all members of the Department of Defense — and refrain from the demoralizing and degrading banter that Coulter so thoroughly enjoys.

Second Lt. Michael Hertzog  
Kadena Air Base, Japan

## Respect other services

The Air Force technical sergeant who disrespected and made digs at soldiers who wear the Combat Patch they earned by serving with their unit attached to a Marine Corps unit ("Marine badges only for Marines," letter, Feb. 19) should refrain from comment on the norms, rules and pride of his sister services. The fact is that we are all brothers and sisters in arms, and we do not get to choose where and under which headquarters we will serve downrange. The soldiers who have served in the First Marine Division should be just as

proud to wear that combat patch as those who served in the First Infantry Division, or the First Cavalry Division. What purpose does interservice sniping serve?

I have served with and volunteer as a Scout Leader with many Air Force personnel and one thing we all seem to understand is that each service is distinct and it serves nobody to make disparaging remarks about another's branch of service.

Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Altwater  
Camp Humphreys, South Korea

## Badge is a sign of respect

In response to "Marine badges only for Marines" — as someone who did Army support for three years and deployed with my supported unit: After reaching the time on the ground we "earned" our combat patches. Those in my unit who earned the combat patch wore it with pride. It has nothing to do with lack of pride in what branch you are in but rather that you have done extra training or tasks to earn that patch/respect from others' branches.

Staff Sgt. James Ahern  
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

## It's servicemember's choice

In response to "Marine Badges only for Marines": In today's military, with the increased cooperation and jointness of the force, a soldier should be able to wear whatever service identification patch that he or she chooses. These patches are about who you served with in combat, not the unit you are assigned to. That is why, by Army regulation, they can be worn at the discretion of the soldier, not the unit or the Army.

Reading the letter makes me think the writer would like to see Air Force forward flight controllers remove their combat patches. If someone is assigned as a slice element to a Marine task force, and that person lives, eats and bleeds with Marines, then by all means he or she should wear the Marine patch with pride. It makes you no less a soldier to wear the Marine patch. We are all on the same team and party to the same fight. We are all sons and daughters of this country, who serve by choice in the greatest military on Earth.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Cook  
Brussels

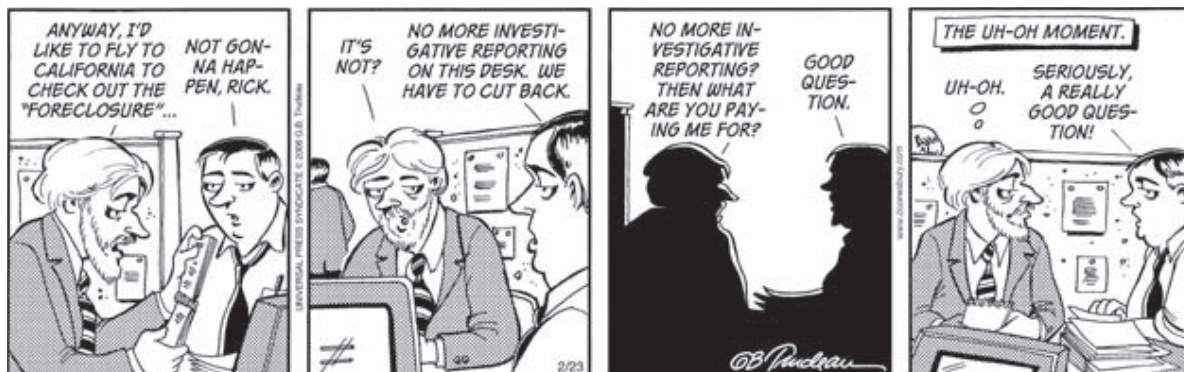
## More ID checks needed

In regard to "Gym policy a useless obstacle," (letter, Feb. 17), I think the writer missed something along the way.

I believe Army policy is the same as it is in the Air Force and that is, you are required to have your identification card with you at all times while on a military installation. I, for one, would like to see ID checks at more facilities, namely the commissaries and the exchanges (and fitness centers). My experience in Germany and in Italy is, there are a lot of people in these facilities who are not ID cardholders. They are there for whatever reason and our facilities are already overcrowded.

Michael Dufrene  
Einsiedlerhof, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

# Treat homeowners better than bankers

If you were to make a pie chart showing the amount of attention given to the banking part of the financial crisis — both by the government and by the media — and the amount of attention given to the foreclosure part, the catastrophe being faced by millions of American homeowners would barely rate a sliver.

**Arianna Huffington**



But we are facing nothing less than a national emergency, with 10,000 Americans going into foreclosure every day and 2.3 million homeowners having faced foreclosure proceedings in 2008.

When we put flesh and blood on these numbers, the suffering they represent is enormous, and so is the social disintegration they entail.

For a small sample, check out Brave New Foundation's new Web site, Fighting For Our Homes, where you can see video of people doing just that. People like Debra from Pennsylvania who, due to health-care costs, is facing foreclosure on her home of 33 years, or Penny from Texas, who has been pushed to the brink of homelessness as the result of costly repairs necessitated by Hurricane Ike.

"The banks are too big to fail" has been the mantra we've been hearing since September. But when you consider the millions of American homeowners facing foreclosure, aren't they also too big to be allowed to fail?

Despite being treated as an afterthought, foreclosures are actually a gateway calamity: Every foreclosure is a crisis that begets a whole other set of crises. Someone loses his or her home. It sits vacant. Surrounding home values drop. Others move out. Squatters move in. Crime goes up. Tax revenues plummet, taking school budgets down with them.

So why hasn't the foreclosure crisis gotten the attention it deserves? A combination of perverse priorities and flawed thinking. ... Flawed thinking has been on full display in the way we have approached the foreclosure crisis — particularly the notion that we can postpone dealing with the crisis while we focus our attention (and hundreds of billions of dollars) on saving Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

Clearly, this thinking has been deeply — and disastrously — flawed. The public interest — people being able to keep their houses — is not aligned with the banks' interest. Banks don't want to adjust non-performing mortgages down to their ac-

tual current value because it would lead to marking down the value of the massive asset pools they have rolled the mortgages into.

This conflict between the banks' interest and the public interest is why the Wall Street-centric focus of Tim Geithner, Lawrence Summers, Ben Bernanke, etc. is so troubling. This focus has included the marginalizing of Sheila Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (and a Republican), who has been ringing the alarm bell about the foreclosure crisis for two years now. She was ignored by George W. Bush and Henry Paulson — and there are worrisome Washington whispers that Geithner is following in their footsteps.

Given the enormity of the crisis, and the delay in finally putting foreclosures on the front burner, President Barack Obama must be bold. Obama clearly responds to the pain involved in the statistics. We saw how he reacted to Henrietta Hughes, the homeless woman who stood up at his town hall meeting in Florida and talked about her dire circumstances. ...

The nuts and bolts of Obama's plan need to match the empathy. His plan should include mandatory mediation between homeowners and lenders prior to any final foreclosures. A pilot program along these lines, the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, started in Philadelphia, has proven very successful. According to Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the program has prevented or delayed foreclosures in 75 percent to 80 percent of the cases that have made it to mediation. Currently, many homeowners don't even talk to their lenders until they have been foreclosed on — partly because the lenders often make it next to impossible to reach them. ...

Judge Annette Rizzo has been working hard to keep Philadelphians in their homes. She told Dan Geringer of the Philadelphia Daily News: "There is hand-to-hand outreach to each client here. There is individual caretaking here. The lender lawyers get to know the homeowners as people here. We put a human face on this and they embrace it. So as I work the room, I feel a humanism here on both sides. If necessary, our volunteer lawyers pick up clients and bring them here. Housing counselors make house calls. Our mission is to save lives, one address at a time." ...

The foreclosure prevention program has worked so well in Philadelphia, it has spread. ... The administration should take this model and apply it on a national level. It's time to start treating America's homeowners as well as we've been treating Wall Street's bankers.

# Historians' ranking of presidents is rank

Being gracious winners, last week, liberals howled with delight at George W. Bush for coming in seventh-to-last in a historians' ranking of the presidents from best to worst.

This was pretty shocking. Most liberals can't even name seven U.S. presidents.

Being ranked one of the worst presidents by "historians" is like being called "anti-

**Ann Coulter**



American" by the Nation magazine. And by "historian," I mean a former member of the Weather Underground, who is subsidized by the taxpayer to engage in left-wing political activism in a cushy university job.

So congratulations, George W. Bush! Whenever history professors rank you as one

of the "worst" presidents, it's a good bet you were one of America's greatest.

Six months after America's all-time greatest president left office in 1989, historians ranked him as only a middling president. (I would rank George Washington as America's greatest president, but he only had to defeat what was then the world's greatest military power with a ragtag group of irregulars and some squirrel guns, whereas Ronald Reagan had to defeat liberals.)

At the time, historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. dismissed Reagan as "a nice, old uncle, who comes in and all the kids are glad to see him. He sits around telling stories, and they're all fond of him, but they don't take him too seriously" — and then Schlesinger fell asleep in his soup.

Even liberal historian Richard Reeves blanch at Reagan's low ranking in 1989, saying, "I was no fan of Reagan, but I think I know a leader when I see one."

Reagan changed the country, Reeves said, and some would say "he changed the world, making communism irrelevant and the globe safe for the new imperialism of free-market capitalism." In Reeves' most inspiring line, he says Reagan "was a man of conservative principle and he damned near destroyed American liberalism."

By 1996 things hadn't gotten much better for Reagan in the historians' view. A poll of historians placed Reagan 26th of 42 presidents — below George H.W. Bush, his boob of a vice president who raised taxes and ended Republican hegemony under Reagan. Four of the 32 historians called Reagan a "failure."

I guess it depends on your definition of "failure." To me a failure is someone who aspired to be a legitimate scholar but ends up as an obscure lecturer at Colorado College.

Speaking of which, Colorado College political scientist Thomas Cronin explained Reagan's low ranking, saying Reagan "was insensitive to women's rights, civil rights, oblivious to what was going on in his own Administration — the procurement scandal, HUD, Iran-Contra."

Soon after he took office, President Reagan famously hung a portrait of President Calvin Coolidge in the Cabinet Room — another (Republican) president considered a failure by historians.

Coolidge cut taxes, didn't get the country in any wars, cut the national debt almost in half, and presided over a calm, scandal-free administration, a period of peace, 17.5 percent growth in the gross national product, low inflation (0.4 percent) and low unemployment (3.6 percent).

Unlike some recent presidents with Islamic middle names, he didn't run around comparing himself to Lincoln constantly.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr. ridiculed Coolidge as a hayseed who slept too much and took decisive action only once in his life. Schlesinger never tired of pointing out that Coolidge slept 11 hours a day, as if hours of sleep is the true measure of presidential greatness.

Perhaps Schlesinger's venom toward Coolidge was meant as penance for his once mistakenly admitting that Dwight Eisenhower was a good president — another hated (Republican) president among historians.

Under Eisenhower the gross national product grew by more than 25 percent and inflation averaged 1.4 percent. George Meany, then AFL-CIO president, said that the American worker had "never had it so good." Like Coolidge and Reagan, Eisenhower was enormously popular with the American people.

In a poll of "leading scholars" taken soon after Eisenhower left office, he was named one of the 10 worst presidents. The distinguished scholars — none of whose names anyone remembers today — called him dumb, dismissing the five-star general who smashed the Nazi war machine as "Old Bubble Head." As Patton said, these "bilious bastards ... don't know anything more about real battle than they do about fornicating."

It's as if geologists took a poll and announced their opinion that lead was heavier than gold.

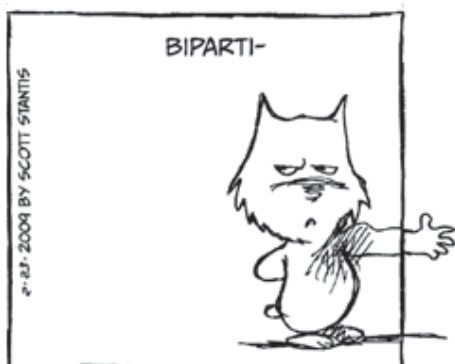
Reagan and Eisenhower have recently started to move up in the presidential rankings — for the same reason George Washington is always ranked one of the best. Historians ought to detest Washington, but his exclusion from the top ranks of these pompous historian polls would expose the absurdity of their rankings.

Putting preposterously overrated presidents like John F. Kennedy or FDR in the same category as Reagan or Washington is like a teenage girl ranking the Jonas Brothers with the Rolling Stones and the Beatles as the three greatest bands of all time.

Liberals may call him a "war criminal," but historians have inadvertently paid George W. Bush a great tribute by ranking him as a "below average" president. I can only dream that, someday, no-name, left-wing historians will rank me as one of the all-time worst columnists.

## Prickly City

BY SCOTT STANTIS





## Teens leave candy wrapper trail

**FL** PALM BAY — Five Florida teens face burglary-related charges after police followed a trail of candy wrappers from the crime scene back to the house of one of the teens.

Officers responded to a break-in in Palm Bay on Florida's central Atlantic coast. An officer then followed a trail of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups packages in the backyard. The officer noticed another wrapper on the front porch of a house near the victim's house.

Officers found several juveniles at the other house. Police say the teens confessed to the burglary and informed officers that the stolen property was in the attic.

## Homeless man fights for spot on village ballot

**IL** CHICAGO — A suburban Chicago man barred from running for the village board because he is homeless isn't giving up trying to get on the ballot.

Daniel Fore and his attorneys filed both a petition seeking a judicial review of the decision and an emergency motion for an expedited hearing with the Cook County Circuit Court.

The team hopes for a ruling on the matter by March 6, ahead of the March 16 start of early voting, said Larry Griffin, an attorney for the firm Kirkland and Ellis who represents Fore pro bono.

Oak Park's electoral board voted 2-1 to bar Fore from the April 7 ballot. Two Oak Park residents, Randy Gillett and Richard Newman, challenged Fore's candidacy, claiming a person without a fixed address cannot run for office or register to vote.

## ACLU sues to preserve 'hell' in company name

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania has sued on behalf of a man whose company name — "I Choose Hell Productions" — was rejected by the state.

Filmmaker George Kalman's request in 2007 to register as a business was turned down because of a state law prohibiting names that contain blasphemy or profanity.

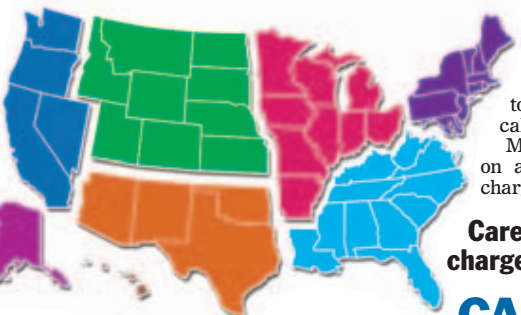
The lawsuit filed against Pennsylvania's Department of State contends the statute is unconstitutional because it relies on religious standards and violates Kalman's freedom of speech rights.

Kalman says he chose the name because he believes it is better to struggle through difficult times — that is, live in "hell" — than to commit suicide.

The lawsuit seeks undetermined damages and use of the name.

## Small-town sheriff helps inmate win freedom

**MO** JEFFERSON CITY — When Sheriff Rick Walter was a reserve deputy, he discovered slain college student Angela Mischelle Lawless in her idling car along a rural southeastern Missouri highway and was sure at least two people had at-



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tacked her.

He raised that and other suspicions, both during the initial investigation and after Joshua Kezer's 1994 conviction on second-degree murder in the 19-year-old woman's shooting death.

"I went as far as I could go. And it fell on deaf ears," he said. "The sheriff said, 'I have a conviction in this case, I don't even want to hear it, case closed.'"

The 48-year-old Walter never gave up searching for the truth and joined friends, family and defense lawyers outside the Jefferson City Correctional Center to celebrate the release of Kezer, who spent nearly half his life behind bars for the 1992 killing that a judge now says he couldn't possibly have committed.

## Shop owner charged in death of man urinating

**MI** DETROIT — Mildred Johnson understands why some might question her husband's decision to urinate in public.

But she said she can't comprehend why someone would kill him for doing it.

Johnson told Detroit police that Leroy Moon, 69, who owns Asian Fisheries, shot Shawn Johnson, 36, a janitor at White Elementary School, for urinating on Moon's building around 7 p.m.

"I want to know what state of mind he was in," Mildred Johnson, 35, said of the man who lives a



## Still winter

High, thin clouds refract the sun's light to form a halo effect behind plants in a dormant meadow in Watertown, Wis.

couple of blocks from where her husband died. "Why did he have to shoot? He could've called the police."

Moon was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge.

## Caregivers face charges in elder abuse

**CA** KERN — In an elder abuse case described by one investigator as the most outrageous he has ever seen, three former top managers at a Kern County, Calif., nursing home have been arrested in the deaths of three residents who allegedly were given needless doses of psychotropic medications.

The California attorney general's office contended in a criminal complaint that more than 20 residents at a skilled nursing center run by the Kern Valley Healthcare District were drugged "for staff convenience." Many of them experienced side effects that included dramatic weight loss, slurred speech, tremors, loss of cognition, and even psychosis, according to the complaint.

Arraignment is scheduled for the center's one-time medical director, Dr. Hoshang M. Pormir, former nursing director Gwen D. Hughes and former chief pharmacist Debbi C. Hayes. They were jailed in Bakersfield.

All three have been charged with elder abuse. Hughes and Hayes also face charges of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly administering shots by force and without consent.

## Judge charged in blocking appeal of 2007 execution

**TX** AUSTIN — A Texas judicial commission filed proceedings against the presiding judge of the state's highest criminal court, charging her with improperly cutting off appeals for a condemned inmate on the night of his execution.

The action by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct against Sharon Keller, presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, could result in her removal from office.

Convicted killer Michael Richard was put to death on Sept. 25, 2007, after Keller ordered a clerk to close the court's office promptly at 5 p.m. Lawyers for Richard had requested that the office stay open an extra 20 minutes to permit a late appeal. Keller has 15 days to formally respond to the charges.

## Paper claims defamation award fixed by judge

**PA** ALLENTOWN — A newspaper said that a \$3.5 million defamation award against it was fixed by a corrupt judge with connections to a reputed mobster at the heart of the case.

The extraordinary claim was made by the parent company of The Citizens' Voice in court papers asking the state Supreme Court to overturn the 2006 award by Luzerne County Judge Mark Ciavarella, who recently was convicted in a kickbacks scheme.

The Supreme Court should "vacate a judgment that very likely was a product of a corrupt judicial system," the paper said.



## No boring drill

Construction workers swing the cutter head of a tunnel boring machine into position as it is lifted by crane before being lowered into an underground assembly chamber beneath 11th Avenue at 25th Street for use in the Number 7 subway line in New York City. The cutter head is 22 feet in diameter and weighs 100 tons.



## Remains of house

Employees of the New England Gas Co. walk through the remains of a house on New York Avenue in Somerset, Mass., after a natural gas explosion. Debris from the house was blown onto a neighboring house and one person was confirmed dead in the explosion.





**Shark doctor** Volunteer diver Dr. Lily Gomez swims with a small pill camera veterinarians hope could help diagnose gastrointestinal diseases in marine animals, as a whale shark glides past her at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. Gomez was testing if a receiver could pick up a signal from the camera in the 6.3 million-gallon Ocean Voyager tank.



**Under investigation** Investigators with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police examine the front of an Amtrak passenger train that was involved in a fatal accident in Port Wentworth, Ga. The crash between a freight train and a dump truck killed the truck's driver and caused minor damage to the train.



**Border leapers** Dancers from the Minerva Tapia Dance Group perform in front of the U.S.-Mexico border fence at Border Field State Park in San Diego. The dancers are part of the a cross-border modern dance group.

**Casino looking to get its mortgage comped**

**NJ** ATLANTIC CITY— Admitting it has not made loan payments since October, Resorts Atlantic City is trying to fight off foreclosure by arguing that its lenders don't have a casino license and can't own the place. Resorts will set aside \$15 million to cover payouts to winning gamblers while the two sides battle for control of New Jersey's first casino.

**Parents use religion to avoid kids' vaccines**

**OH** CINCINNATI — Parents in Ohio increasingly are using religious exemptions to delay or refuse immunizations for children amid fears that vaccines contribute to autism. State Department of Health figures show that the number of religious or philosophical exemptions nearly quadrupled between 1998 and 2008, though the number still represents fewer than 1 in 100 children.

**Pay tuition, go to class, and keep the lights on?**

**OR** CORVALLIS — Oregon State University has retrofitted 22 elliptical exercise machines, and students are using the machines to generate electricity. The school is among the first in the nation to do that. The electricity goes back to the grid. The project could produce enough electricity annually to supply a small, highly energy-efficient house.

**They were later found to be in contempt of cat**

**FL** WEST PALM BEACH — There are so many mice in one Florida county courthouse that they've been seen falling from ceiling tiles. One judge at the Palm Beach County Courthouse calls it an infestation. Some staffers say they check their handbags for stowaways before leaving the building each day. Court employees and lawyers say the rodents scuttle down corridors, munch legal papers and scratch behind the walls. One mouse ran around a courtroom floor for an hour during a burglary trial.

**Local dogs, cats agree to celebratory truce**

**ME** PORTLAND — The state's largest city became its latest municipality to allow residents to keep chickens in their backyards. Portland City Council voted 7-1 to allow up to six hens — but no roosters — for an annual fee of \$25. Chicken coops must be set back from neighboring residences by at least 25 feet. With the recession, more Mainers are interested in raising their own food.

**Official stole thousands from elementary school**

**KY** LOUISVILLE — Former Dixie Elementary principal Adrian Sanford was sentenced

to five years in prison for stealing school funds. He had pleaded guilty to charges including theft by unlawful taking and fraudulent use of a credit card. Sanford also must pay back the \$69,140 taken from the school, and he agreed to testify against the school's former bookkeeper.

**Gay rights activists protest Clinton speech**

**CA** SAN DIEGO — As many as 200 people protested a speech by former President Bill Clinton because it took place at a hotel targeted by boycotters since its owner donated money to pass gay marriage ban Proposition 8. Protesters rallied outside the Manchester Grand Hyatt to oppose owner Doug Manchester's donation and to demand improved working conditions.

**People actually surf when it's that cold?**

**MI** MARQUETTE — A cold-water surfer from Lake Superior was rescued near the Presque Isle breakwall after taking a battering. Several large waves swept him and his board over the wall and into Presque Isle Harbor, where the water temperature was 33 degrees. The surfer began paddling to shore, but was still 150 yards away when Coast Guard personnel used a rope to pull him to safety.

**Nation now open later for your convenience**

**NM** SANTA TERESA — The state's Santa Teresa port of entry at the border with Mexico will extend its hours beginning March 1. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection field operations said the crossing will remain open two more hours each day, operating from 6 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week.

**State seeks to stop under-the-table pay**

**OH** COLUMBUS — State agencies will compare notes to identify and stop employers who pay their workers "off the books" or improperly call them independent contractors. A report from Attorney General Richard Cordray's office said those employers cheat the state out of hundreds of millions of dollars in unemployment insurance money, workers compensation premiums and income tax revenue.

**Pork chopper, come in, come in, pork chopper**

**TX** MERTZON — Millions of wild pigs weighing up to 300 pounds have been tearing up crops, trampling fences and eating just about anything in their path in Texas. But now they had better watch their hairy backs. A state lawmaker is proposing to allow ordinary Texans with rifles and shotguns to shoot the voracious, tusked animals from helicopters. For years, ranchers have hired professional hunters in choppers to thin the hogs' ranks.



# Horoscope

Mercury conspires with Jupiter to help us create an abundant flow of what we need and want. Many events and ideas in this regard will be excellent. Some exaggeration is to be expected in our communication. We appreciate this when the effect is humorous, as it often will be. Do be cautious of deals that sound too good to be true, though.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

To you, it's not enough to be really good at one thing. You figure out how to apply your unique attributes to become a star in everything you do. In March, if you don't fit in, that only means that you are on your way to greatness. May brings financial breakthroughs. The love risks you take in June are worthwhile. Taurus and Aries adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** No idea can live inside your mind without your consent. When you make a decision about what to think, you'll have success. You'll be the boss of your team soon after you become the boss of your thinking.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Because of recent hectic circumstances you may have been pushed into a gloomy little pattern of behavior. Well, not for long. It's remarkably simple to remove the stress and start anew.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The seeds of phenomenal health are within you. All it takes is a little extra care in nourishing yourself or in exercising your body to cause the happy, zesty feelings to sprout and take over.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There are real opportunities out there to be exploited and you're poised to make an impression. This is no time to show people your rough work. Make sure it's polished before you present.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The force of your personality is strong and others will take your words to heart. You should be charging for those bril-

liant, pithy observations. Still, if they're unsolicited, keep them to yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You didn't mean to eavesdrop, but now you know something you wish you didn't. If it's not illegal or life threatening, forget it. Affirm to yourself that you are choosing to accept only supportive, uplifting information.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Sometimes you just have to trust the people you are working with in order to get through the job gracefully. Believe that people will be inclined to do right and show that faith with your attitude.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You just might be fixated in what columnist Martha Beck refers to as "unproductive regret" — a perfect name for an imperfect choice you made in the past. Once you pinch yourself into the present you'll be free.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Keep moving in the direction you're headed. Your instincts are correct and no amount of outside interference will sway you. Caffeine is your friend — sleep can wait until this business is concluded.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You and a colleague are unknowingly working toward the same goal. Find out who it is and work in tandem. You've always thought you worked better on your own, but you will find satisfaction in this collaboration.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There are a couple of options to choose from. It really doesn't matter which one you pick; it only matters that you feel fabulous about your choice. Once you know what you want, you are bound to get it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** What needs to take place between you and that person who is causing you some stress? Maybe it's a gentle talk, and maybe it's tough love. Whichever, it's time to communicate your heart.

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## SU/DO/KU

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9		1	4	8		2
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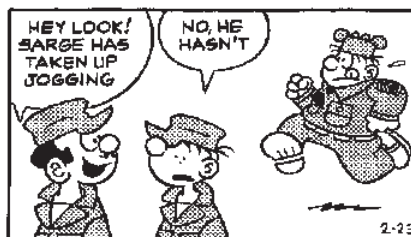
Difficulty: Very Easy

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

Yesterday's Solution

9	3	2	5	4	6	8	7	1
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2	6	3	4	8	7	1	5	9
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Beetle Bailey



Get Fuzzy



Candorville



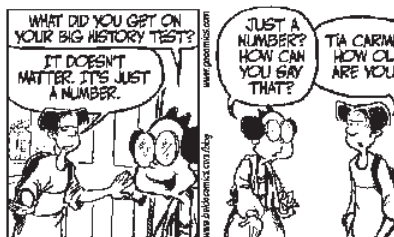
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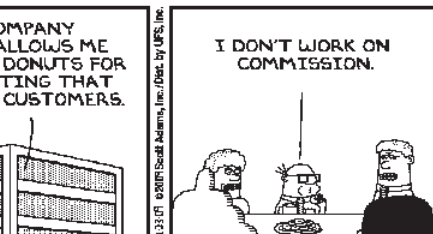
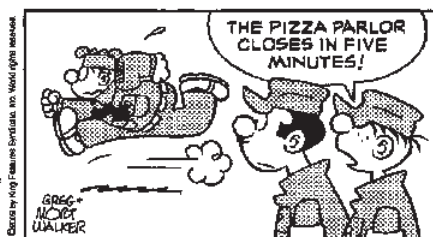
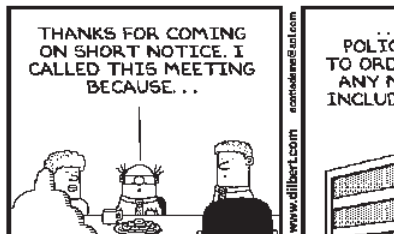
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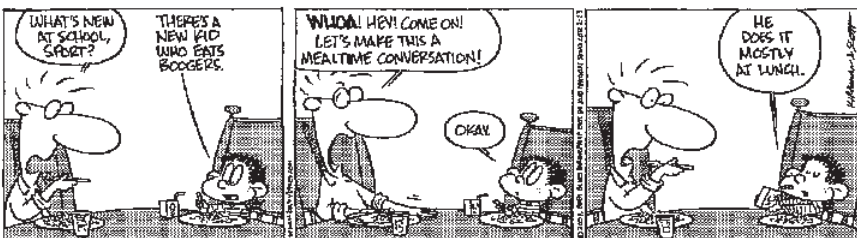
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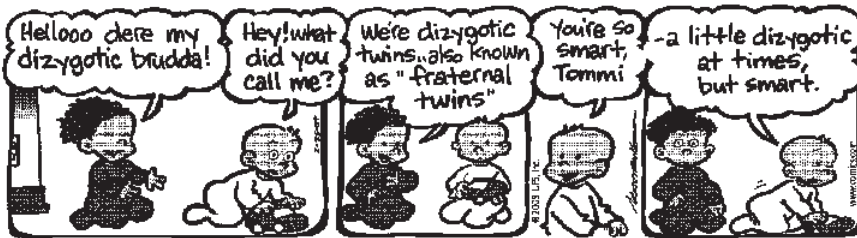
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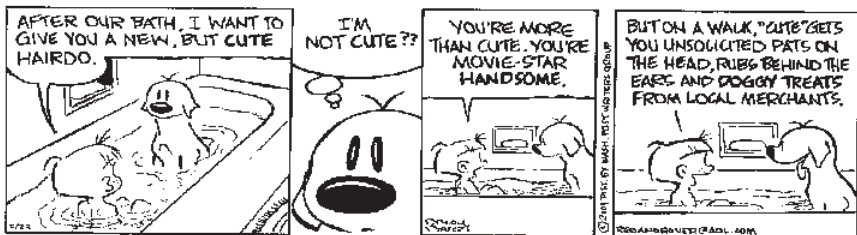
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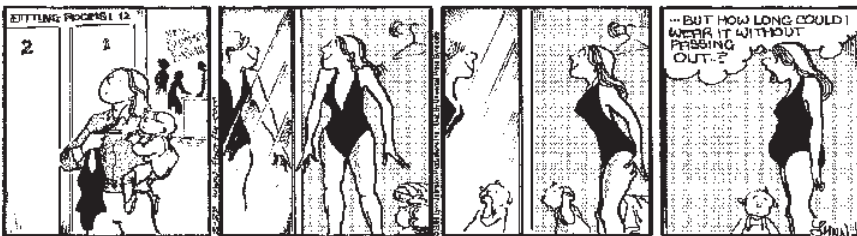
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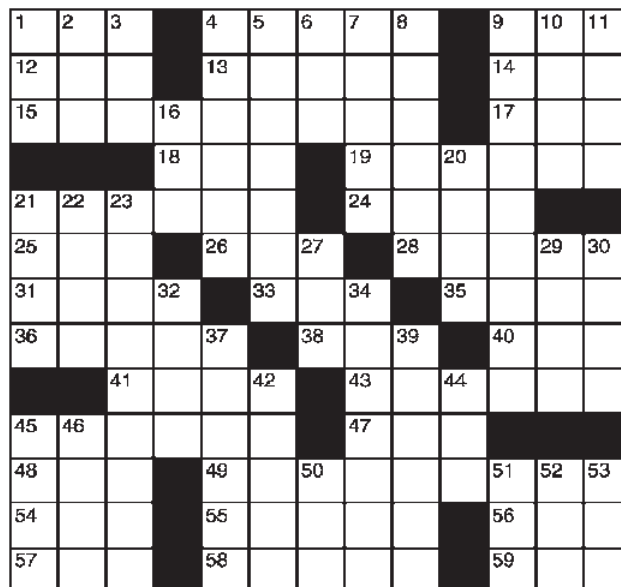
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Better or Worse



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



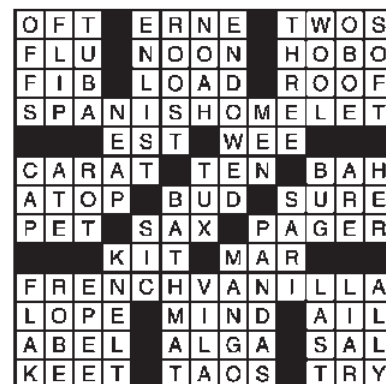
### ACROSS

- 1 "The loneliest number"
- 4 "Danny Boy" musicmakers
- 9 Definite article
- 12 Supporting
- 13 Lifeless, old-style
- 14 Tier
- 15 Happen
- 17 Gorilla
- 18 Can. neighbor
- 19 First game of the season
- 21 Denim, e.g.
- 24 Fishing equipment
- 25 Bobby of hockey
- 26 Fresh
- 28 Fleet-related
- 31 Harvest
- 33 Legislation
- 35 Long skirt
- 36 Forbidden acts
- 38 Speck
- 40 Every last bit
- 41 Totals
- 43 Multicolored
- 45 Stratagem
- 47 Jackie's second mate
- 48 Blackjack component
- 49 Change from one language to another
- 54 Coffee vessel

### DOWN

- 55 Greeting
- 56 Meadow
- 57 Danson or Kennedy
- 58 Convinces
- 59 Vanna's cohort
- 16 Pecan or almond
- 20 Dutch cheese
- 21 Old, stale jokes
- 22 Sandwich cookie
- 23 Exceed
- 27 Bankroll
- 29 Wheel holder
- 30 Easter flower
- 32 Sulk
- 34 Feminine
- 37 Metal workers
- 39 Human trunks
- 42 Threaded nail
- 44 Up to
- 45 Tense
- 46 Farm fraction
- 50 Carte lead-in
- 51 Matterhorn, for one
- 52 Afternoon social
- 53 Have a bite

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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### CRYPTOQUIP

NGCEL Y CYRGHL YBLOGEYC  
DLYWLO KLEYBL Y EPU, SGN  
KAWWGLN SYHL WAKKLW

SGB RSL ESGLV PV UPDGEL.  
Saturday's Cryptoquip: I'VE HEARD FOLKS  
TALK OF A BODY OF WATER THAT IS CREEPY. I  
BELIEVE IT WAS CALLED LAKE EERIE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals H



# Books help with long hours

**Dear Abby:** My father recently began treatment for cancer. He has radiation daily and chemo once a week.

Mom and Dad spend many hours sitting in the hospital for these treatments.

Several families from church have asked what they can do to make my parents' lives easier at this time.

I have asked that instead of offering to make meals (Mom and Dad are both on restricted diets), donating puzzle books, meditation books and crossword puzzles to be enjoyed at the hospital would be a better idea.

I also plan to assemble some "boredom-buster bags" for my parents each week, so they won't get antsy waiting around for the procedures to be finished.

— Trisha in Mooresville, Ind.  
Dear Trisha: That's a terrific

idea.

However, if the church members would like to become more involved, ask them to consider saving their fashion, sports and political magazines and deliver them on a regular basis to the chemotherapy center. That way they will not only help your parents, but also other patients who are undergoing treatment there. I'm sure the donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Dear Abby:** I recently graduated from college, but aside from that, I can't seem to finish anything I start. I am a creative and talented designer, but because I no longer have deadlines, I don't see any of my projects through to completion.

I have tried giving myself personal deadlines to no avail, because I know there will be no consequences.

Then I become angry and frustrated with myself, and the piles of uncompleted work get larger and larger.

It seems like I am easily bored or stressed — that's when I stop working.

I long for a sense of accomplishment and pride in my abilities. Could I have a disorder?

— Needs Help Finishing Th ...  
Dear Needs Help: Not unless being disorganized and not a self-starter is a disorder.

Your inability to abide by personal deadlines will have serious "consequences" if you plan to have a career in design, because if you can't complete a project, you will have nothing to show potential clients.

If you have nothing to show, you reduce the chances of being hired. So stop the self-indulgence and get moving!

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>  
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Dear Abby



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**GIRRO**  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

**ELVRO**  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

**LYSEEP**  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

**LOAPER**  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

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Answer: A [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] OF [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

(Answers tomorrow)

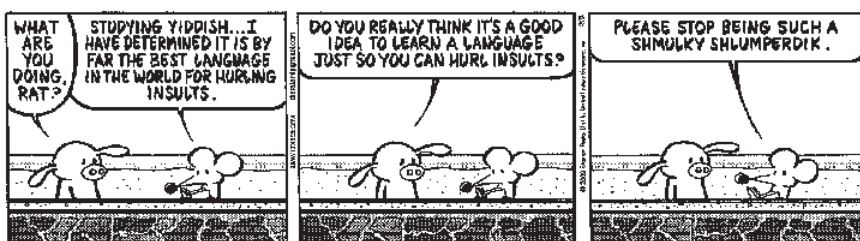
Saturday's Jumbles: CABLE TONIC DECENT GUILTY  
Answer: What you must be to climb a mountain — "INCLINED"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Pearls Before Swine



B.C.



Over The Hedge



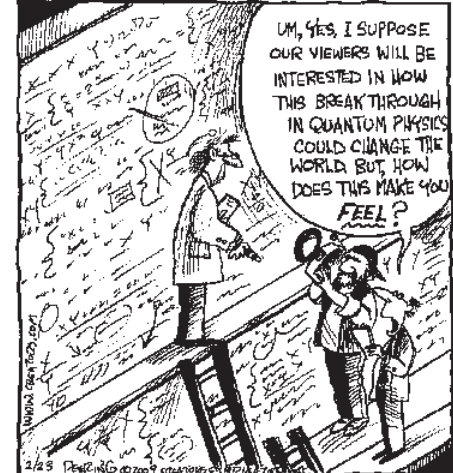
Pardon My Planet



Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



## Speed Bump

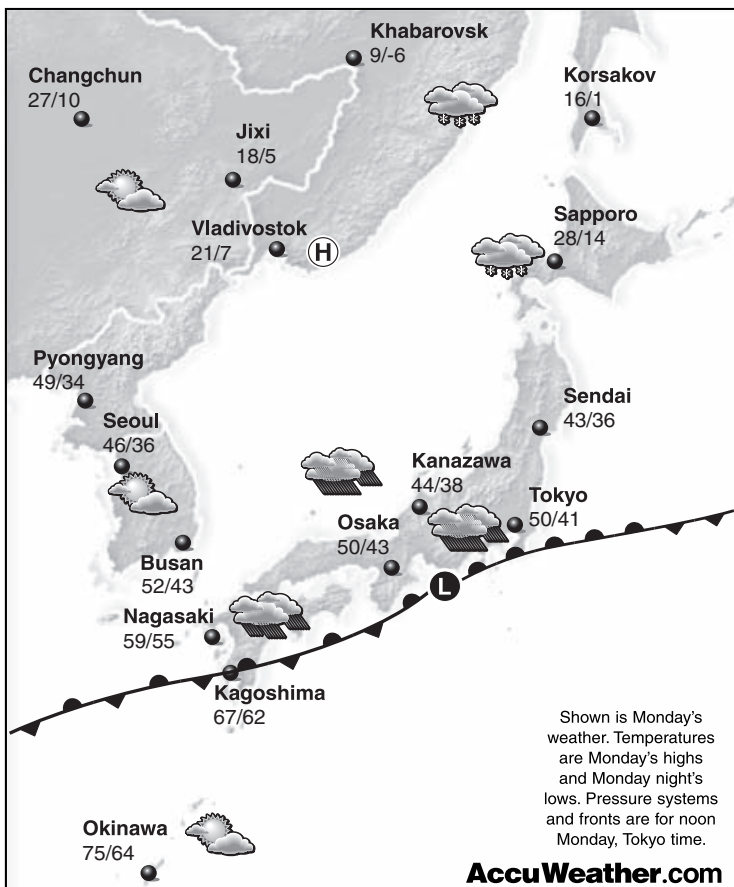
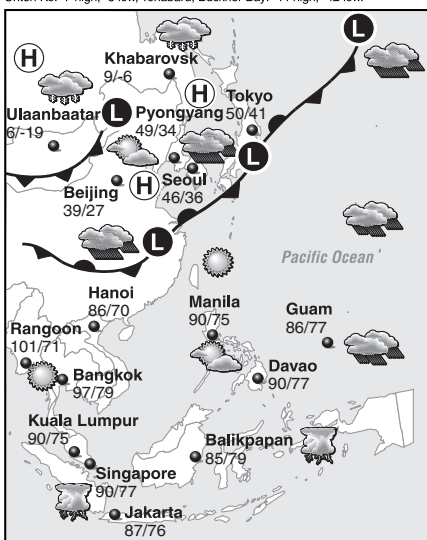




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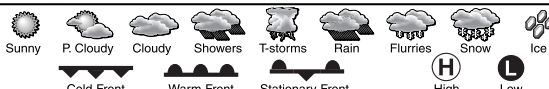
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	High	Low	High	Low
<b>Japan</b>				
Yokosuka	4:56 a.m.	10:21 a.m.	3:51 p.m.	10:39 p.m.
Sasebo	8:15 a.m.	1:40 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	2:06 p.m.
Naha	7:00 a.m.	12:31 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	12:36 p.m.
Hachinohe	3:40 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	9:07 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	10:34 a.m.	4:45 a.m.	10:41 p.m.	5:33 p.m.
Kunsan	2:46 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	10:08 p.m.
<b>Guam</b>				
Apra Harbor	7:43 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	1:09 p.m.
Location	Tuesday			
	High	Low	High	Low
<b>Japan</b>				
Yokosuka	5:15 a.m.	10:51 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	11:09 p.m.
Sasebo	8:38 a.m.	2:10 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	2:33 p.m.
Naha	7:23 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	1:06 p.m.
Hachinohe	3:55 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	2:43 p.m.	9:36 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	11:06 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	11:12 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
Kunsan	3:24 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	3:48 p.m.	10:38 p.m.
<b>Guam</b>				
Apra Harbor	8:05 a.m.	1:21 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	1:44 p.m.

For tides at other sites apply minutes to Naha tides:  
 Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide;  
 Uten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.



Shown is Monday's weather. Temperatures are Monday's highs and lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Monday, Tokyo time.

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## CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	21	5	Snow
Edmonton	18	2	Snow
Halifax	33	21	Fly
Iqaluit	0	-5	Snow
Montreal	25	10	Fly
Ottawa	27	11	Fly
Quebec	28	9	Snow
Regina	21	10	Cldy
Toronto	23	11	PCldy
Vancouver	51	41	Shwr
Whitehorse	21	3	Sun
Windsor	24	16	PCldy
Winnipeg	21	12	PCldy
Yellowknife	-12	-34	Cldy

## EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	46	36	Rain
Athens	47	39	Cldy
Belgrade	35	30	PCldy
Berlin	39	27	Snow
Brussels	45	39	Rain
Cairo	51	41	Cldy
Glasgow	51	38	Cldy
Lisbon	66	48	Sun
London	50	41	Cldy
Madrid	63	36	Sun
Moscow	14	7	Snow
Paris	46	39	Cldy
Rome	54	41	Cldy
Warsaw	33	28	Snow

## MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	54	33	Cldy
Baghdad	65	47	PCldy
Cairo	66	51	Sun
Dhahran	78	61	Sun
Islamabad	70	55	Cldy
Jakarta	56	42	Cldy
Kabul	49	30	PCldy
Kandahar	78	48	Sun
Karachi	85	71	PCldy
Kuwait	71	64	Sun
Mazar-e-Sharif	55	37	Rain
Tehran	51	38	PCldy
Tel Aviv	59	50	Shwr
Zahedan	74	49	PCldy

## AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	89	75	PCldy
Algiers	60	41	Sun
Cape Town	82	64	Sun
Casablanca	71	48	Sun
Durban	75	69	Rain
Freetown	93	74	Sun
Kano	104	60	Sun
Khartoum	102	65	Sun
Kisangani	86	68	Cldy
Luanda	88	77	Cldy
Malakal	108	68	Sun
Mogadishu	91	77	Sun
Tabora	73	62	Tstm
Timbuktu	88	56	Sun

## LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	73	Sun
Bogota	66	45	Shwr
Buenos Aires	82	61	Sun
Cancun	83	62	Sun
Havana	77	58	Shwr
Kingston	84	76	Shwr
Lima	79	66	Shwr
Mexico City	76	40	Sun
Nassau	77	66	Cldy
Puerto Plata	84	77	PCldy
Rio de Janeiro	89	76	Sun
Santiago	88	54	Sun
Santo Domingo	85	68	PCldy
San Jose	76	67	Shwr

## ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	72	58	PCldy
Colombo	88	74	Sun
Darwin	91	78	Shwr
Dhaka	91	74	Sun
Hong Kong	77	70	Sun
Kathmandu	82	45	PCldy
Melbourne	89	59	PCldy
Mumbai	92	74	Sun
New Delhi	84	55	PCldy
Phnom Penh	93	76	PCldy
Shanghai	50	46	Rain
Sydney	84	68	PCldy
Taipei	84	71	Sun
Xining	53	20	Cldy

## SUN &amp; MOON

	Monday	Tuesday
Sunrise (Seoul)	7:11 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	6:21 p.m.	6:22 p.m.
Sunrise (Tokyo)	6:18 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
Sunset	5:32 p.m.	5:33 p.m.



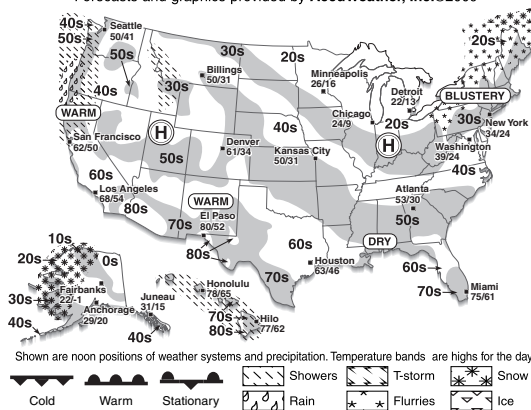
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City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	72	50	Sun
Akron, OH	22	15	Cldy
Albany, NY	30	17	PCldy
Allentown, PA	67	44	PCldy
Amarillo	34	17	Sun
Anchorage	67	37	Sun
Anchorage	29	20	PCldy
Ashville	43	21	PCldy
Atlanta	67	44	PCldy
Atlantic City	59	30	Sun
Austin	70	50	Sun
Baltimore	39	20	Sun
Baton Rouge	62	41	Sun
Billings	50	31	Cldy
Birmingham	54	30	Sun
Bismarck	32	16	PCldy
Boise	51	38	Shwr
Boston	39	22	Sun
Bridgeport	38	21	Sun
Brownsville	75	63	PCldy
Buffalo	21	15	Cldy
Burlington	30	15	Fly
Caribou, ME	28	16	Snow
Casper	51	30	Cldy
Charleston, SC	56	28	Sun
Charleston, WV	41	18	PCldy
Charlotte, NC	49	23	Sun
Chattanooga	47	25	Sun
Cheyenne	56	33	Cldy
Chicago	24	9	PCldy
Cincinnati	30	17	PCldy
Cleveland	23	16	PCldy

City	Hi	Lo	W
Colorado Sprgs.	58	33	Cldy
Columbia, SC	54	22	Sun
Columbus, GA	57	32	Sun
Columbus, OH	27	17	PCldy
Concord, NH	31	16	PCldy
Corpus Christi	72	61	PCldy
Dallas	69	50	Sun
Dayton	25	16	PCldy
Daytona Beach	61	42	PCldy
Denver	61	34	Cldy
Des Moines	38	22	PCldy
Detroit	22	13	PCldy
Duluth	20	10	PCldy
El Paso	80	52	Cldy
Elkins	25	10	Fly
Erie	21	15	Sun
Eugene	54	41	Rain
Evansville	35	20	Sun
Fairbanks	22	-1	PCldy
Fargo	25	13	PCldy
Flagstaff	58	32	PCldy
Flint	20	8	PCldy
Fort Smith	59	37	Sun
Fort Wayne	22	11	PCldy
Fresno	66	47	Rain
Goodland	54	28	Sun
Grand Junction	55	35	Sun
Grand Rapids	22	7	Cldy
Great Falls	50	27	Cldy
Green Bay	21	8	Cldy
Greensboro, NC	42	25	Sun
Harrisburg	34	19	Sun

## THE UNITED STATES MONDAY

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### Autos for Sale 141

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Yokota - 1999 Toyota Surf. 4X4. Automatic. Power windows/locks/A/C. JCI till Sep 2009. Runs great/good solid truck, \$1500.00 OBO. Call Rick @ 225-5855 or 080-3708-3257

Yokota - 1992 Nissan Gloria. JCI: Good 'til Dec 2010. \$2000 OBO. Price is very negotiable. Just make me an Offer! CALL Craig at (623)-734-9619 or cell 080384577823 or Jesse at (305) -537-5240, Cell 08035184639

Yokota - '95 Honda Civic PCSing must sell!!!! 35K km. CD player. Great for driving around base. Very clean! JCI Aug 09. \$1000 obo. Contact - 5093430778

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota - 1996 Honda Odyssey, Blue Minivan for \$2500. Runs great. JCI until June 2010. CD/MP3 player, power windows/locks. A/C, 4 DR, A/T, 86,000 km. Contact: [javiermodyavar@gmail.com](mailto:javiermodyavar@gmail.com) or call Javier @ 410-674-7038 @ Yokota AB

Yokota - 1996 Nissan Skyline GTS-Four Door RB20E inline 6 Engine, Automatic Transmission, GPS System, Automatic Climate Control, Power Mirrors, Windows, Door locks, Tinted Windows, \$1,500 OBO. Contact AJ @ (1904)328-2070

Yokota - 1997 Mazda MPV \$2500 JCI Oct 2010. Exterior: white & tan, mileage: 76,200 km, interior: gray, extras: auto entry, auto start, new sound system, good condition tires, tinted windows. Alternate e-mail: [chris7452@aol.com](mailto:chris7452@aol.com)

Yokota - 1999 Mitsubishi Charlot Grandis V6 Royal. No Scratches or Dents. Non Smoker. Passenger Van, Strong V6, 3.000cc GDI Engine JCI 24 Jan 2011, \$ 4,500 obo. Contact 1-901-983-0802

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota - Domani for sale It's a 4 door, black, runs well, never had a problem with it 20 dollars will fill your tank up not a gas guzzler at all. Price is so low due to JCI in 3 months. JCI May 2009. \$500. Contact 512-275-4912

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Fairlady Z Twin Turbo / automatic JCI: 27 July 1999 19,000 km (Re-Built Motor) T-Tops (Do Not Leak) Stitch 17" rims Teln fully Adjustable Suspension Stilled Front & Rear Sway Bars Cusco Tension Rods Cusco Camber Adjusters Stilled Hicas Elimination Kit HKS Turbo-Timer Fluidize Transmission Cooler Howe Radiator 3" Apexi Cat back Exhaust New Tires Hawk Performance Brake Pads Momo Steering Wheel Silencer for Exhaust (JCI Purposes) Kenwood CD Player w/ Remote Asking \$1500 OBO Please call 090-2826-1505

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Cedric, 4-door, JCI will expire Nov. 2010 nearly 2 full yrs JCI! Great Car! Runs great, good shape P/W, P/L, P/S. Good A/C and heat also, in dash touch screen CD/DVD/MP3 player. Asking \$2200 OBO Call 1.313.347.1217 if interested, first reasonable offer gets it!

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Odyssey (Excellent Condition) Excellent condition once owned by Japanese owners. Japanese Owner does not want to deal with JCI so deciding to sell it. Went through a Super tune up including Timing belt changed. Have list done by garage but in Japanese. Van does need JCI but should pass JCI inspection with no problem. Please call 080-1373-2338 or leave number on e-mail to come check the Van out. Wants 100,000 yen (\$1000) (Dollar to Yen should be \$1000).

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Nissan Skyline R33 GTS 4 Door RB20E inline 6 Engine, GPS Navigation, Automatic Climate Control, Power Mirrors, Windows, Door Locks, Tinted Windows, Automatic Transmission, Great Family Car JCI until July 09 asking \$1500 OBO Please call 904-328-2070

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Ascot (accord) super clean! Very Low Miles! JCI until Dec 2010! Non-smoker Interior grey/Exterior Dark Green Metallic, Automatic Trans. Power windows, door locks, & side windows. Ice Cold A/C, Tires less than 1 year old JCI until March 2010 Very Dependable! Everything Works! Very Clean! Asking \$2200 OBO Must Sell PCSing Soon. Available 7 Feb. 09 Home 1-142-229-0520 Duty 2 2 5 - 3 6 2 1 ( 3 6 2 2 ) Cell#090-6476-5892

Yokota, Japan - 95 Honda Accord \$1500 obo PCSing Must Sell Great car but PCSing & must sell quickly! AC, CD player, Power everything 150K km. JCI until Oct. 09. Asking \$1500 OBO Please call 5093430778

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Mitsubishi Evolution 1997. AWD, 5 speed manual, turbo, intercooler, TV/DVD/navigation system, 500 plate, 80,000 km, cheap on insurance, gas, and road taxes. Owned for 8 months and everything runs strong and great! JCI until June 2010. Asking \$4500 OBO Please call 3133471009

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Mercedes Benz C200 MD and 10 disc CD player, Automatic windows, trunk and mirrors. Keyless entry, Laser cut key very immaculate. White in color tinted window. Pirelli tires 78,000 km 5,700 OBO Make me an offer. Must sell JCI until Dec. 2010. Asking \$5,700 OBO Please call 080-5897-5447

Yokota, Japan - '94 Toyota Sourer w/ full body kit; 18" rims 7LCD monitor; JCI due Mar 09 and there's a crack on the windshield w/c will cost around \$300-400. Asking \$1200 Need to sell ASAP work @ 225-5234 (days)

Yokota, Japan - Sell ASAP! 2000 Subaru B4 Turbo Manual 2yrs JCI 2000 Subaru Legacy 2.0 Twin Turbo All Wheel Drive (great for winter time) JCI until November 2010 Manual Transmission Tinted Windows Push Start Engine Intake/Exhaust Turbo Timer/ Air Fuel Ratio/ Volts/ O2 Sensor Apexi Actuator Valve Control/ Boost Controller Cool Over Suspension Brand new Pirelli tires Street/Snow JCI expire Nov. 2010 Asking \$3800 Please call 425-274-4379

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### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota - Team Geki JZX90 Tourer V (Fully Loaded) JCI October 2009. JPY800,000. E-mail [bluefactory2@yahoo.com](mailto:bluefactory2@yahoo.com)

Zama - 1995 BMW 318Ti, Blue, auto, PW, PL, sunroof, JCI good 'til Dec 2010, new transmission asking 2800.00 OBO Call Jon: 080-3921-1309.

Zama - 1998 Honda Logo hatchback, light blue, grey interior, 82,346km. JCI until October 2009. Available mid March 2009. \$1,000.00 OBO. Call 268-4073.

Zama - Car for Sale: 1994 Cadillac Seville, 20 inch, rhymes, heated seats, JCI is good, American side, good interior, leather seats, air conditioning and heating, P/W/L asking for \$5000.00 or best offer, if interested please call 080-5094-7940, or if you would like a pic please email me at [ashishyde@yahoo.com](mailto:ashishyde@yahoo.com).

### Motorcycles 164

Yokosuka, Japan - 1999 Honda VTR1000 Firestorm 1000cc V-Twin (Super hawk in the U.S.)15,000 km. New tires, filters, oil, runs great. JCI until June 2010 located on the Atsugi base. Asking \$4000. FIRM Please call Tony 080-3722-1771

Yokota - 1993 Kawasaki ZXR 400. Bike is in very good condition. Will have 2 years of JCI by the end of this week. Very fun in the mountains on the twisties. Bike has practically brand new tires. I ride to work every day. Fires right up no matter how cold it is. JCI Feb 2011 \$3000. Contact 1-615-345-8820

Yokota - 2004 GSX-R 600 K-4 Edition, yellow, mint condition, aftermarket full exhaust (Fish Bone), Ohlins steering damper, custom seat w/R emblem, headlight cover, new tires, JCI August 2010, very low mi, \$7900. Call 080-3204-2513 or email [aladdin002@yahoo.com](mailto:aladdin002@yahoo.com) for PICS.

### Motorcycle Parts 171

Yokota, Japan - Looking for TW200 and/or parts I am looking for a TW200 and/or parts for one. I am looking for parts like the side covers (usually taken off in Japan for the naked look), the stock head light and any other stock parts. If anyone has or knows of someone that has a TW or parts, please let me know. Phone # 314-558-3462 Thanks!

### Auto Parts 180

Yokota - 4 Chrome Rims w/tires (205 45 R16) \$375 obo. Call 080-3204-2513 or 813-200-9379

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Yokota, Japan - Baby Girl clothing 6-12 months spring-summer I am selling our daughter's used clothes, all in excellent condition. There are over 50 pieces, including a winter Jack-o-lantern, Carters, Oshkosh, gap etc. Please email me if you have any questions. Asking \$55 Please call 858-368-6874 or email [manjuperson@hotmail.com](mailto:manjuperson@hotmail.com) Thanks for Looking!

### Bicycles 220

Yokota - 2 Mountain Bikes. Excellent Condition. Kept indoors. \$85. Call 080-3204-3213 or 813-200-9379.

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## Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - AEROPOS-TALE Coat Size XL. Tan in color very warm. I bought it, but I just have way too many. Picture will be posted this afternoon. I paid \$60 +shipping. I am asking \$30 OBO. Please call 3145583462 Thanks.

Yokota, Japan - Hannah Montana girls shoes size 12 1/2 Brand new, tags still on and in box paid originally \$19.99 for them. My daughter doesn't fit in them. Very cute, black with silver stars and a guitar on top Asking \$12 Please call 210-881-4403

## Computers 360

Yokota - I am selling a GA-M78GM-S2H AM2+/AM3 motherboard. I purchased it in the summer. It is in like new condition and tested fully working. It will fit any AM2+ or AM3 AMD CPU and features a 780G chipset. \$50 obo. Call 09064856797.

Yokota, Japan - computer chair Computer chair in excellent condition. Adjustable height and arms. No stain, looks brand new, only used a few months. Asking \$30 Need to pick up. Thanks for looking grey color. Asking \$30 Please call 858-368-6874

Yokota, Japan - iMac for Sale Apple iMac OSX for sale - in great condition and works perfectly. We simply bought an upgraded version, includes speakers, mouse and keyboard. Asking \$100 Please contact Tim at trim117@yahoo.com or at home at 623-734-9625.

Yokota - The Print Shop Deluxe (Version 22) Opened the box and never got around to using the program. \$49.00 at the box. Asking \$20. Jason Home (713) 490 0578, Cell 08032519808

Yokota - Wooden Computer Desk A Tan computer desk a few scratches but still in very good condition. \$65.00 OBO. Call 901-273-9956

## Furniture 510

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Yokota, Japan - Bed frame and dressers Heavy Duty King or Queen Size bed frame. Can be set to either size Can be mounted to a head board. \$25 Can send picture if needed. I have 2 of the five Drawer dressers. They are solid wood in a white wash finish. They measure 40" H x 25 1/2" W x 15" D. \$40 each Call Jessie @ 813-200-9370 or e-mail (mjlab@yahoo.com) to come and see. Please call 813-200-9370

Yokota, Japan - Recliner Bought this recliner 1 month ago today. We sold our old one last month because we were getting this new but - we don't have much room in our living room because of the living room set we bought. TV, couches, coffee table plus recliner are just too big for this place. The chair has probably only been sat in 5 times. Almost new, no stains, pet-free & smoke-free home. It is dark brown. It has compartments under both armrests for storage AND cup holders. This is the serious man chair! Paid \$250, will take \$175 Must be able to pick up. Please email rkjnsingleton@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Sofa for sale! Light beige micro suede couch. 2 years old. In great condition, easy to clean we got all new furniture when we arrived at Yokota and have no room for it anymore, asking \$150. Must move yourself Please call 1-407-373-1371

Yokota, Japan - White sofa in great condition w/pillows, asking \$500 Please call 1-305-537-5255

## Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Twin bed, Mattress, Nightstand and Comforter set White wire frame, twin bed and night stand. Pillow top mattress and box spring-like new. Comforter set with bed skirt, pillow sham and twin sheet set. Perfect for kid's bedroom all for \$250 Please call 949-258-6899 or email mcdonald03@gmail.com for pictures

Yokota - Light brown colored couch and loveseat set. In great condition, no tears or stains. Bought a new set so we don't have room for it. \$250 OBO. Call 1-214-261-6458

## Home Electronics 570

Atsugi - Slightly used Playstation 2 Dance Factory mat with game. Only used twice. Asking \$30.00 obo. Please e-mail dguern1@yahoo.com OR call Deb at 264-7499.

Yokota - AMAZING LEAPSTER SET W/ 7 GAMES. \$120/make offer. Games have different difficulty levels and applies from 3 - 10 year olds. Over \$280 worth of stuff. Games alone are \$15-30 each!! Barely used, still in its original box complete with manuals. Contact 702-946-5985

Yokota - Brand New Nintendo Wii. Never opened...if interested call (949)258-6866 or 080 5698-6325 250.00 OBO

Yokota, Japan - 19 inch television it is now in my sons room we are PCS'ing so it must go along with the VCR and DVD player asking for \$60.00 OBO Please call 4044784189

Yokota - Philips 10.2" DVD player. Brand new in box, never been used. Sells for 250\$ in stores. This unit will play almost anything. DVDs, CDs, memory cards and flash drives. The reason for selling it is I got it for Christmas but I already have another one. \$200 obo. Contact 08031783849

Yokota - Silver iPod Shuffle. \$25.00 Call 901-273-9956.

Yokota - X-Box 360 Headset \$35.00. Call 614-358-4902

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Wii Remote Controller/Nunchuk Silicone Case Awesome Price, Great Bundle, Great for Gifts! 100% brand new high quality generic (non-OEM) For Nintendo Wii Remote Controller/Nunchuk Silicone Case Color: Yellow, Black, Pink, Green, Blue, Red Quantity: 1 of each color Soft Skin-like feel fits comfortably in your hands and with anti-slip grip to prevent accidental dropping or throwing of your controls The high quality silicon color skin provides protection of your controls for scratch, dirt, grease, and grip form accidental dropping or throwing your controls, and most of all, with the styles! Unique design allows all buttons and slots easy to access without removing the protection skin. Washable! The skins are easy to remove Asking \$4 each P l e a s e e m a i l smuchpoo@cyworld.com

Yokota - Selling Xbox games: \$3.00 each. Project Gotham Racing, SEGA GT 2002, AF Delta Storm, Brothers in Arms, Earned in Blood (live online enabled), Tom clancy's Splinter Cell Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six 3 (live online enabled). What a deal! Contact us now! My kids are trying to sell these so they can buy other games) Contact 901-273-9939

## Jewelry 610

Yokota - Earrings for Sale!!!! Pave the way in these of the moment!, super-luxe jewels. Gold & Crystal Square, Dome Pave Earrings by CC Skye. For pierced ears. approx. 0.7x 0.7". 125.00 or BO. Call 080-5186-5211

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## Lost 670

Yokota, Japan - Did you find a black wallet Black ladies wallet w/ snap on 1 slide and zipper on other last seen at Taiyo Jan 28 in the evening. Contains ID, driver's license and other personal items Please contact me, turn into Security Forces, or return to the Taiyo. Please call 12408455302

Yokota, Japan - Lost My Burnt Orange Digital Camera I got a camera for Christmas, and it was my FAVORITE thing ever. And I misplaced it somewhere. I've retraced my steps, and its nowhere to be found. It has a memory card in it, full of pictures of me and my family and friends. If you have it, or know someone that does, I would appreciate it if you gave me a call on my cell (080-3459-1768) after 2:30pm on weekdays, or my home number (512) 275-4895. The camera in the picture is the one I'm looking for. Please, please let me know. Please call 512-275-4895

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Zama - Chihuahua puppy for sale. Male, 3 months old. Beautiful markings. Pictures available. Email 458winmag@gmail.com or call 080-3540-6107

Zama - Free Six Saltwater tropical fish and live rock. Must have your own tank. Call for more info 267-6253

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Yokota - Canon EF lenses I have the following for sale! Canon of 28 f/2.8 225, Canon 28-135 f3.5 to 5.6 IS 200. All three are in great condition, 70-200 comes with lens hood. Upgraded to new L lenses so no need in my bag any more. Contact 08037553434

Yokot - SONY DSCF717 CAMERA LIKE NEW Excellent condition. Pretty Easy to use. Comes with memory sticks, leather case, power cord, usb cord. Or trade for a pocket size camera. \$175 OBO. JASON HOME 713 490 0578, CELL 08032519808

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## Sporting Goods 980

Yokota - Edge 490 Recumbent Exercise Bike \$125.00. Located on the East Side, so you'll need a way to get it to your home. I cannot deliver, though it should fit in most trucks with the lid bungied down. Contact 404-478-4611

Yokota, Japan - Taylor made R7 Irons 4-SW For sale used. Regular shaft with upgraded grips (Mid-size Decodar meter). Clubs was bought new and was used for about a year. Please contact me for further inquiries at 080-3724-7319 ask for John. Asking \$325

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**AFN-Xtra, 1 a.m.**—Auto racing: NAS-CAR Nationwide Series, Stater Brothers 300 (dlid).  
**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.**—College basketball: Illinois at Ohio State.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.**—College basketball: Villanova at Syracuse.  
**AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.**—NBA: Boston at Phoenix.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.**—College basketball: Wisconsin at Michigan State.  
**AFN-Sports, 7:30 a.m.**—NBA: Miami at Orlando.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—Auto racing: NAS-CAR Sprint Cup Series, Auto Club 500.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NBA: Detroit at Cleveland.  
**AFN-Xtra, noon**—College basketball: Arizona at Arizona State.  
**AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.**—NHL: Pittsburgh at Washington (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.**—Golf: PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.**—Cycling: Tour of California, Stage 8 (dlid).

### Tuesday

**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—College basketball: Wake Forest at Duke (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Louisville at Georgetown.  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.**—NHL: San Jose at Dallas (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.**—College basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—Drag racing: NHRA, Arizona Nationals (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—College basketball: Louisville at Georgetown (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—College basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma (dlid).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—Fishing: Bassmasters Classic, Day 3 (dlid).

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## Cycling

### Tour of California

**Friday Solvang, Calif. Stage 6**  
**A 15-mile time trial in Solvang**  
 1. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Astana, 30 minutes, 40 seconds.  
 2. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 30:48.  
 3. Gustav Larsson, Sweden, Saxo Bank, 31:10.  
 4. Michael Rogers, Australia, Columbia-High Road, 31:02.  
 5. Jens Voigt, Germany, Saxo Bank, 31:10.  
 6. George Hincapie, United States, Columbia-High Road, 31:16.  
 7. Tom Zirbel, United States, Bissell Pro Cycling, 31:19.  
 8. Jason McCartney, United States, Saxo Bank, 31:21.  
 9. Stef Clement, Netherlands, Rabobank, 31:23.  
 10. Thomas Lovkvist, Sweden, Columbia-High Road, 31:31.  
**Overall Standings (after 6 stages)**  
 1. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Astana, 24 hours, 12 minutes.  
 2. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 36 seconds behind.  
 3. Michael Rogers, Australia, Columbia-High Road, 46.  
 4. Jens Voigt, Germany, Saxo Bank, 1:10.  
 5. Thomas Lovkvist, Sweden, Columbia-High Road, 1:29.  
 6. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, 1:46.  
 7. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 1:54.  
 8. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, 1:59.  
 9. Christopher Horner, United States, Astana, 2:13.  
 10. Francisco Mancebo, Spain, Rock Racing, 2:15.

## AP spotlight

### Feb. 23

**1938** — Joe Louis knocks out Nathan Marshall in the third round to defend his world heavyweight title at Madison Square Garden in New York.  
**1960** — Carol Heiss captures the first gold medal for the United States in the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, Calif., winning the figure skating event.  
**1980** — Eric Heiden wins his fifth gold medal and shatters the world record by six seconds in 10,000-meter speed skating at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. His time is 14:28.13.  
**1985** — Indiana coach Bob Knight is ejected five minutes into the Hoosiers' 72-63 loss to Purdue when he throws a chair across the court. Knight, after two fouls called on his team, is hit with his first technical. While Purdue was shooting the technical, Knight picks up a chair from the bench area and throws it across the court, earning his second technical.  
**1990** — Seattle's Nate McMillan sets an NBA rookie record with 25 assists to lead the SuperSonics over the Los Angeles Clippers 124-112.  
**1991** — North Carolina becomes the first team in NCAA basketball history to win 1,500 games with a 73-57 victory over Clemson.

## College basketball

### Friday's men's scores

**EAST**  
 Brandeis 65, Emory 54  
 Columbia 88, Brown 57  
 Dartmouth 69, Penn 59  
 Fredonia St. 64, Geneseo St. 59  
 Green Mountain 66, Maine Maritime 61  
 Ithaca 113, Nazareth, N.Y. 86  
 NYU 80, Case Reserve 63  
 Niagara 70, Illinois St. 56  
 Princeton 58, Harvard 55  
 Union, N.Y. 84, Hobart 73  
 Utica 68, St. John Fisher 63  
 Yale 72, Cornell 60  
**SOUTH**  
 Belmont 54, Kennesaw St. 39  
 Lipscomb 88, Mercer 67  
 Talladega 89, Fisk 66  
**MIDWEST**  
 Augustana, S.D. 70, Mary 66  
 DePauw 85, Ogleshorpe 58  
 Northwestern, Minn. 74, Minn.-Morris 63  
 St. Scholastica 68, Bethany Lutheran 58  
 Walsh 78, Daemen 58  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 Angelo St. 51, E. New Mexico 47  
 Oklahoma Wesleyan 89, Haskell Indian Nations 70  
**FAR WEST**  
 CS Bakersfield 63, Utah Valley St. 58  
 Great Falls 70, Montana Tech 61  
 Montana St.-Northern 88, Montana Western 67  
 Nevada 71, Va. Commonwealth 70

## Deals

### Friday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLAS**—Agreed to terms with 2B Brian Roberts on a four-year extension through 2013.  
**TEXAS RANGERS**—Signed RHP Scott Feldman, LHP Matt Harrison, C Jarrod Saltalamacchia, RF Nelson Cruz, RHP Josh Rupe, INF Joaquin Arias, INF Jose Vallejo, RHP John Bannister, RHP Tommy Hunter, RHP Luis Mendoza, RHP Dustin Nippert, RHP Omar Poveda, LHP Kason Gabbard, OF Brandon Boggs, OF David Murphy and OF Greg Golson.  
**National League**  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Agreed to terms with LHP Tom Glavine on a one-year contract.  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Agreed to terms with 3B Ryan Zimmerman on a one-year contract.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**ATLANTA HAWKS**—Assigned G Thomas Gardner to Anaheim (NBADL).  
**CLEVELAND CAVALIERS**—Signed G Trey Johnson to a second 10-day contract.  
**Women's National Basketball Association**  
**INDIANA FEVER**—Signed C-F Yolanda Griffith.  
**SEATTLE STORM**—Re-signed C Suzy Batkovic.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**MIAMI DOLPHINS**—Signed OT Vernon Carey to a multiyear contract extension.  
**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Re-signed OL Billy Yates.  
**NEW YORK JETS**—Released TE Chris Baker.  
**WASHINGTON REDSKINS**—Released LB Marcus Washington.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**CALGARY FLAMES**—Recalled F Jamie Lundmark from Quad City (AHL).  
**OTTAWA SENATORS**—Reassigned F Josh Hennessy to Binghamton (AHL). Acquired C Mike Comrie and D Chris Campoli from the New York Islanders for C Dean McAmmond and a 2009 first-round draft pick.  
**ST. LOUIS BLUES**—Assigned D Steve Wagner to Peoria (AHL).  
**COLLEGE**  
**ARIZONA**—Suspended freshman G Garland Judkins and freshman F D.J. Shumpert for one game apiece for failing to meet team obligations.  
**HAWAII**—Named Chris Tormey special teams coach.  
**LYON**—Named Brett Parker men's soccer coach.  
**VIRGINIA**—Named Ron Prince special teams coordinator.

### Friday's women's scores

**EAST**  
 Brandeis 67, Emory 57  
 Canisius 61, Loyola, Md. 44  
 Columbia 88, Brown 57  
 Cornell 80, Yale 62  
 Dartmouth 55, Penn 36  
 Fairfield 68, Siena 57  
 Geneseo St. 71, Fredonia St. 65  
 Harvard 54, Princeton 50  
 Iona 73, Niagara 52  
 Ithaca 50, Nazareth, N.Y. 49  
 NYU 74, Case Reserve 56  
 New Paltz 66, Potsdam 63  
 RPI 60, Clarkson 50  
 Skidmore 74, Hamilton 59  
 Union, N.Y. 70, William Smith 50  
 Utica 70, St. John Fisher 57  
**SOUTH**  
 Marshall 67, UAB 50  
 Memphis 74, East Carolina 68  
 N.C. Central 71, Longwood 66  
 Washington & Lee 65, Roanoke 54  
**MIDWEST**  
 DePauw 92, Ogleshorpe 86  
 Nebraska-Kearney 86, Metro St. 75  
 Northwestern, Minn. 64, Minn.-Morris 57  
 St. Scholastica 66, Bethany Lutheran 60  
 Haskell 74, Oklahoma Wesleyan 67  
 Houston 75, SMU 73  
 Rice 62, Tulsa 56  
 Trinity, Texas 70, Colorado College 69  
**FAR WEST**  
 Hawaii 54, New Mexico St. 51  
 Louisiana Tech 87, San Jose St. 69  
 Montana St.-Northern 64, Montana Western 54  
 Montana Tech 67, Great Falls 48  
 Southern Cal 68, Washington St. 57  
 UC Riverside 64, Long Beach St. 48  
 Utah 65, Boise St. 61  
 Washington 59, UCLA 49  
**EXHIBITION**  
 Wayne St. 53, Northern St., S.D. 40

## College hockey

### Friday's scores

**EAST**  
 Amherst 4, Middlebury 3  
 Babson 5, Connecticut Coll. 2  
 Bemidji 4, at Niagara 1  
 Bowdoin 4, St. Michael's 1  
 Canisius 4, Connecticut 3, OT  
 Castleton St. 3, Wesleyan, Conn. 2  
 Clarkson 6, Dartmouth 3  
 Cornell 4, RPI 1  
 Elmira 4, Utica 4, tie  
 Fredonia St. 5, Brockport 2  
 Geneseo St. 6, Buffalo St. 3  
 Hamilton 3, Williams 2, OT  
 Harvard 2, St. Lawrence 2, tie  
 Hobart 1, Manhattanville 1, tie  
 Massachusetts 4, Maine 3, tie  
 Mass.-Lowell 3, Vermont 3, tie  
 Mercyhurst 6, Bentley 4  
 Michigan 9, Lebanon Valley 2  
 New England Coll. 2, St. Maine 2, tie  
 New Hampshire 3, Boston College 2  
 Northeastern 2, Boston U. 2, tie  
 Norwich 12, Colby 3  
 Plattsburgh 2, Oswego St. 1  
 Potsdam 4, Cortland St. 1  
 Princeton 4, Brown 1  
 Rochester Tech 3, Army 2  
 Sacred Heart 6, American Int'l 3  
 Salem St. 5, St. Anselm 2  
 Skidmore 5, Trinity 1  
 Tufts 4, Mass.-Boston 2  
 Union, N.Y. 2, Colgate 2, tie  
 Yale 3, Quinnipiac 3, tie  
**SOUTH**  
 Robert Morris 3, Ala.-Huntsville 1  
**MIDWEST**  
 Adrian 10, Northland 1  
 Denver 4, Wisconsin 3, OT  
 Hamline 5, Gustavus 2  
 Lake Superior St. 7, W. Michigan 4  
 Marian, Wis. 5, Finlandia 3  
 Michigan 4, Ohio St. 1  
 Michigan St. 3, Bowling Green 2  
 Minn.-Crookston 4, Milwaukee Engineering 1  
 Minn. Duluth 4, Michigan Tech 1  
 N. Michigan 2, Miami (Ohio) 1  
 Notre Dame 4, Nebraska-Omaha 3  
 St. Norbert 8, Wis.-Stevens Point 3  
 St. Olaf 6, Augsburg 2  
 St. Scholastica 2, Wis.-River Falls 0  
 St. Thomas, Minn. 4, Bethel, Minn. 3  
 Wis.-Stout 5, Wis.-Eau Claire 3  
 Wis.-Superior 4, Lake Forest 3  
**FAR WEST**  
 Air Force 4, Holy Cross 3  
 Alaska 2, Ferris St. 1  
 Colorado College 4, Minnesota 3  
 North Dakota 2, Alaska-Anchorage 1, OT

## College baseball

### Friday's scores

**SOUTH**  
 Alabama 5, SE Missouri 1  
 Appalachian St. 4, Jacksonville St. 3, 13 innings  
 Auburn 5, Elon 3  
 Barry 5, Flagler 3  
 Belmont 4-1, Illinois St. 2-5  
 Birmingham-Southern 15, Spalding 4, 7 innings, 10-run rule  
 Boston College 8, Stetson 7  
 Campbell 16-10, N. Carolina A&T 5-3  
 Clemson 8, Charlotte 3  
 College of Charleston 6, Miami (Ohio) 2  
 Delaware 10, Longwood 7  
 East Carolina 13, Monmouth, N.J. 4  
 ETSU 16, Evansville 10  
 E. Illinois 9, SE Louisiana 6  
 Florida 6, Louisville 3  
 Florida Atlantic 8, Fordham 6  
 Fla. International 4, Jacksonville 3  
 Florida Southern 9, Delta St. 1  
 Florida St. 9, Hofstra 3  
 Georgia Tech 9, Lipscomb 0  
 High Point 5, Dayton 4, 12 innings  
 Indiana St. 12, The Citadel 8  
 Jackson St. 6-4, Florida A&M 2-7  
 Kent St. 18, UNC-Greensboro 2  
 LaGrange 17, N.C. Wesleyan 3  
 La Salle 5, Duke 2  
 Lenoir-Rhyne 24, Lincoln Memorial 3  
 Limestone 12, Erskine 10  
 LSU 12, Villanova 3  
 Louisiana Tech 15, Grambling St. 3  
 Lynn 6, Palm Beach Atlantic 0  
 Marist 7, Charleston Southern 4  
 McNeese St. 9, Houston Baptist 6  
 Miami 6, Rutgers 1  
 Middle Tennessee 19, Missouri St. 4  
 Murray St. 6, S. Dakota St. 13  
 Nebraska 4, La-Lafayette 3, 15 innings  
 New Orleans 12, Towson 11  
 Nicholls St. 15, Chicago St. 0  
 North Carolina 13, VMI 3  
 Oachita Baptist 5, West Alabama 3  
 Rollins 3, St. Leo 1  
 Rowan 8, Christopher Newport 9, tie, 8 innings, darkness  
 St. Francis, Ind. 4, Alabama A&M 1  
 Salisbury 4, Cortland St. 3  
 Samford 6, Kennesaw St. 5  
 Southern Miss. 18, Lehigh 1  
 Tampa 3, Eckerd 2  
 Tennessee 5, Oregon St. 3  
 Tennessee Tech 8-14, St. Peter's 1-4  
 Tulane 6, LeMoyne 1  
 Tusculum 4, Mars Hill 3, 11 innings  
 UAB 8, Radford 7  
 UCF 10, Va. Commonwealth 2  
 UNC-Wilmington 10, Maryland 4  
 Valdosta St. 4, Nova Southeastern 3  
 Virginia 12, Bucknell 0  
 Wayne, Mich. 6-6, West Georgia 4-2  
 West Florida 4, Quincy 1  
 W. Carolina 16, Bowling Green 8  
 W. Kentucky 3, Toledo 1  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 Angelo St. 9, Pittsburg St. 4  
 Arkansas 4-7, Washington St. 2-5, 2nd game, 10 innings  
 Ark.-Little Rock 6, N. Iowa 0  
 Ark.-Pine Bluff 6, Wiley 3  
 Baylor 2, Pacific 1, 10 innings  
 BYU 11, Manhattan 10  
 Cameron 9-11, Angelo St. 7-21  
 Cent. Arkansas 11, Tenn.-Martin 5  
 Dallas Baptist 6, Binghamton 2  
 Hardin-Simmons 4-5, Texas Baptist 1  
 Incarnate Word 4-7, Texas A&M International 2-3  
 Kansas St. 16, Houston 2  
 Lamar 1, Austin Peay 0  
 Northeastern St. 9-11, Tarleton St. 2-12  
 Oklahoma 17, W. Illinois 2  
 Oklahoma City 21, Briar Cliff 3  
 Okla. Baptist 17, Wayland Baptist 13  
 Oklahoma St. 17, BYU 14  
 Oral Roberts 9, W. Michigan 7  
 Prairie View 7-12, Texas Coll. 6-6  
 Sam Houston St. 8, Crichton 6  
 St. Mary's, Texas 3-5, St. Edward's 0-2  
 SE Oklahoma 3-6, E. New Mexico 1-2  
 S. Arkansas 10, NW Missouri St. 0  
 S. Nazarene 14, Briar Cliff 11  
 SW Oklahoma 9-9, Texas A&M-Kingsville 7-9, 2nd game, susp., 7th inning, darkness  
 Texas 6, Ill.-Chicago 1  
 Texas A&M 18, Wright St. 2  
 Texas-Permian Basin 16-15, Okla. Panhandle St. 2-0  
 Texas-San Antonio 8, San Francisco 5  
 Texas-Tyler 5, Mary Hardin-Baylor 3  
 Trinity, Texas 13, Sul Ross 5

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**FAR WEST**  
 Arizona 5, Sacramento St. 3  
 Arizona St. 15, Wis.-Milwaukee 3  
 California 8, Weber St. 7  
 Cal Lutheran 8, LaVerne 7, 11 innings  
 CSU-Chico 12-2, CS San Bernardino 2-5  
 CS Dominguez Hills 4-6, Sonoma St. 2-5, 2nd game, 10 innings  
 Cal St.-Fullerton 7, TCU 6  
 Cal St.-LA 9-12, San Francisco St. 4-6  
 CS Stanislaus 12, Cal Poly-Pomona 2  
 Chapman 11, Westmont 2  
 Claremont-Mudd 16, Cal Tech 3  
 Fresno St. 5, Washington 4  
 New Mexico St. 15, North Dakota 4  
 N. Colorado 7, Montana St.-Billings 6  
 Oregon 5, St. Mary's, Cal. 3  
 Pepperdine 4, CS Northridge 3  
 Portland 4, Utah Valle St. 2  
 Redlands 9, Occidental 1  
 Rice 10, Cal Poly 7  
 Saint Louis 8, CS Bakersfield 7  
 San Jose St. 1-15, St. Joseph's 0-5  
 Southern Cal 5, Long Beach St. 3  
 Stanford 6, Vanderbilt 5, 10 innings  
 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 13, New Mexico 3  
 UC Irvine 5, Hawaii 1  
 UCLA 13, UC Davis 1  
 UC San Diego 3-7, CS Monterey Bay 1-1  
 UNLV 4, Maine 2  
 Utah 7, Loyola Marymount 7, susp., 10th innings, darkness  
 Willamette 12, Cal St.-East Bay 4  
**TOURNAMENTS**  
**Alcorn State**  
 Alcorn St. 7, Jarvis Christian 3  
 Alcorn St. 24, LeMoyne-Owen 2  
**BankFirst Challenge**  
 North Florida 6, N. Illinois 3  
 Mississippi St. 8, N. Illinois 1  
**Big-East/Big Ten Challenge**  
 Illinois 8, Iowa 3  
 Michigan 6, South Florida 5  
 Michigan St. 4, Connecticut 2  
 Northwestern 5, Georgetown 3  
 Ohio St. 2, Notre Dame 0  
 Purdue 11, Cincinnati 2  
 St. John's 16, Penn St. 5  
 Seton Hall 11, Minnesota 2  
 West Virginia 14, Indiana 4  
**Builder Invitational**  
 Bloomsburg 9, East Stroudsburg 0  
 Bloomsburg 10, Lock Haven 3  
 Kutztown 16, Apprentice 6  
 East Stroudsburg 16, Lock Haven 5  
**Cal Ripken Experience Tournament**  
 Bates 6, Alma 5  
**Caravelle Resort Tournament**  
 Coastal Carolina 16, S. Illinois 3  
 Kentucky 8, Troy 3  
 S. Illinois 19, James Madison 4  
**Coa-Colo Classic-Mobile**  
 Mississippi 6, Liberty 5  
 South Alabama 9, Mercer 2  
**Courtard by Marriott Classic**  
 George Mason 8, S.C.-Upstate 5  
 Virginia Tech 21, UNC-Asheville 4  
 Wofford 11, SIU-Edwardsville 10  
**Daviess Tournament**  
 Davidson 8, Ohio 6  
**Floyd B. Wilcox Memorial Tournament**  
 Rutgers-Camden 9, Moravian 4  
 Waynesburg 16, Hampden-Sydney 13  
**Grand Canyon Tournament**  
 Nevada 7, Gonzaga 4  
 Missouri 12, Nevada 1  
**HBCU Classic**  
 Savannah St. 7, N.C. Central 6  
**Jim Doran Auto Classic**  
 Pacific Lutheran 10, Linfield 8  
 Concordia, Ore. 13, George Fox 8  
 Oregon Tech 11, Whitman 9  
 Puget Sound 8, Concordia, Ore. 6  
**Johnny Gill Memorial Tournament**  
 E. Michigan 5, George Washington 4, 13 innings  
 Winthrop 17, E. Michigan 9  
**La Quinta F&CU Invitational**  
 Fla. Gulf Coast 4, Cent. Michigan 3  
 Wichita St. 8, Temple 4  
 Cent. Michigan 19, Fla. Gulf Coast 13  
**Methodist Tournament**  
 Roanoke 4, Frostburg St. 2  
 Methodist 17, Roanoke 0  
 Huntington 4, Lynchburg 3, 10 innings  
**MLB Urban Youth Academy Tournament**  
 San Diego St. 6, Bethune-Cookman 3  
 San Diego 6, Southern U. 4  
**N.C. State Tournament**  
 Rhode Island 11, N.C. State 8  
 Santa Clara 3, Xavier 0  
**Peoria, Ariz. Sports Complex**  
 Hastings 10, Whitworth 4  
 Washington & Lee 7, Brandeis 4  
**Rawlings Southern Classic**  
 Greensboro 9, York, Pa. 8  
 Emory 17, York, Pa. 3  
 Ferrum 3, Franklin 2  
 Ferrum 12, Ogleshorpe 1  
 Rhodes 10, Piedmont 7  
 Piedmont 12, Greensboro 3  
 Ogleshorpe 19, Franklin 12  
**Service Academies Spring Classic**  
 Air Force 2, Navy 0  
 Bradley 9, Pittsburg 8, 10 innings  
 Kansas 5, Air Force 0  
 Memphis 5, Kansas 4  
**Texas Tech Tournament**  
 Texas Tech 14, S. Utah 3  
 Texas Tech 6, Texas-Pan American 5  
**ULM Hawhawk Classic**  
 Northwestern St. 8, La.-Monroe 3  
**UT Arlington-Hilton Invitational**  
 Arkansas St. 4, Texas State 3  
 Texas-Arlington 5, Arkansas St. 4  
**Wake Forest Invitational**  
 Marshall 9, Akron 3  
 Marshall 9, Old Dominion 3  
 Wake Forest 11, Arkon 2  
**William and Mary Tournament**  
 Buffalo 14, Iona 2  
 William & Mary 10, Buffalo 9

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SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 24

Golf

Northern Trust Open			
Scores			
Friday			
At Riviera Country Club			
Los Angeles			
Purse: \$6.3 million			
Yardage: 7,298; Par: 71			
Second Round			
Scott McCarron	64-68-132	-10	
Tommy Armour III	67-67-134	-8	
Steve Stricker	68-66-134	-8	
Geoff Ogilvy	68-67-135	-7	
K.J. Choi	66-69-135	-7	
Pat Perez	69-66-135	-7	
Rory Sabbatini	68-67-135	-7	
Phil Mickelson	63-72-135	-7	
Luke Donald	66-69-135	-7	
Kevin Na	67-69-136	-6	
Andres Romero	66-70-136	-6	
Bill Lunde	69-67-136	-6	
Dustin Johnson	66-70-136	-6	
Rich Beem	68-69-137	-5	
Marc Turnesa	69-68-137	-5	
Kirk Triplett	67-70-137	-5	
John Merrick	66-71-137	-5	
Briny Baird	67-70-137	-5	
Bob Estes	72-65-137	-5	
Jim Furyk	66-71-137	-5	
Ben Curtis	68-69-137	-5	
Robert Allenby	70-67-137	-5	
David Coles	67-70-137	-5	
Matt Kuchar	70-68-138	-4	
John Mallinger	70-68-138	-4	
Ernie Els	71-67-138	-4	
Richard S. Johnson	70-68-138	-4	
Rocco Mediate	70-68-138	-4	
Brian Davis	69-69-138	-4	
David Toms	66-72-138	-4	
Hunter Mahan	69-69-138	-4	
Kenny Perry	70-68-138	-4	
Woody Austin	68-70-138	-4	
Jeff Klauk	67-72-139	-3	
Jason Bohn	73-66-139	-3	
Ryan Moore	68-71-139	-3	
Carl Pettersson	68-71-139	-3	
D.J. Trahan	67-72-139	-3	
Charles Howell III	72-67-139	-3	
David Duval	70-69-139	-3	
Jimmy Walker	69-70-139	-3	
Kevin Sutherland	72-67-139	-3	
Jason Gore	69-70-139	-3	
Jeev M. Singh	69-70-139	-3	
Retief Goosen	68-71-139	-3	
Stuart Appleby	71-68-139	-3	
Nick Watney	71-68-139	-3	
Marc Calacavacqua	70-69-139	-3	
Bo Van Pelt	68-71-139	-3	
Soren Hansen	70-69-139	-3	
Brendon de Jonge	69-70-139	-3	
Ryuji Imada	67-73-140	-2	
Chad Campbell	72-68-140	-2	
Angel Cabrera	72-68-140	-2	
Daniel Chopra	73-67-140	-2	
Joey Jaulin	70-70-140	-2	
Jeff Quinney	69-71-140	-2	
Ben Crane	72-68-140	-2	
Tim Clark	68-72-140	-2	
Brandt Jobe	68-72-140	-2	
Brad Adamonis	70-70-140	-2	
Charles Hoffman	68-72-140	-2	
Chris DiMarco	68-72-140	-2	
J.B. Holmes	73-67-140	-2	
Bubba Watson	69-71-140	-2	
Jerry Kelly	72-68-140	-2	
Michael Letzig	70-71-141	-1	
Graeme McDowell	70-71-141	-1	
David Wi	70-71-141	-1	
Stephen Ames	71-70-141	-1	
Scott Verplank	71-70-141	-1	
Cameron Beckman	70-71-141	-1	
Aaron Baddeley	71-70-141	-1	
Mike Weir	70-71-141	-1	
Brad Bryant	74-77-141	-1	
Failed to Qualify			
George McNeill	71-71-142	E	
Todd Hamilton	67-75-142	E	
Steve Pate	71-71-142	E	
Steve Elkington	68-74-142	E	
Zach Johnson	73-69-142	E	
Johnston Wagner	70-72-142	E	
Steve Flesch	73-69-142	E	
Brandt Snedeker	67-75-142	E	
Troy Matteson	71-71-142	E	
Vaughn Taylor	70-72-142	E	
Bill Haas	69-73-142	E	
Steve Marino	73-69-142	E	
Billy Mayfair	76-67-143	+1	
J.J. Henry	74-69-143	+1	
Vijay Singh	71-71-143	+1	
Chez Reavie	69-74-143	+1	
Matthew Goggin	71-72-143	+1	
Paul Azinger	67-76-143	+1	
John Senden	71-72-143	+1	
Peter Lonard	70-73-143	+1	
Nicholas Thompson	71-72-143	+1	
Jeff Maggert	71-72-143	+1	
Michael Allen	69-74-143	+1	
Tim Wilkinson	71-73-144	+2	
John Rollins	70-74-144	+2	
Justin Leonard	70-74-144	+2	
Chris Stroud	71-73-144	+2	
Tim Petrovic	75-69-144	+2	
Shigeki Maruyama	70-74-144	+2	
Padraig Harrington	72-72-144	+2	
Will MacKenzie	69-75-144	+2	
Alex Cejka	75-69-144	+2	
Cliff Kresge	72-72-144	+2	
Tom Pernice, Jr.	72-72-144	+2	
Vincent Johnson	70-74-144	+2	
Ryo Ishikawa	73-71-144	+2	
Steve Lowery	71-74-145	+3	
Eric Axley	72-73-145	+3	
Ricky Glover	73-72-145	+3	
Ken Duke	73-72-145	+3	
Ryan Palmer	74-71-145	+3	
Jonathan Byrd	70-75-145	+3	
Oliver Wilson	69-76-145	+3	
Gray Gay	70-76-146	+4	
Mark Brooks	73-73-146	+4	
Ricky Barnes	73-73-146	+4	
Matt Bettencourt	76-70-146	+4	
Brian Bateman	69-77-146	+4	
Jim Park	73-73-146	+4	
Nick O'Hern	71-76-147	+5	
Parker McLachlin	75-72-147	+5	
James Hitties	76-71-147	+5	
Kevin Chappell	75-72-147	+5	
Nathan Green	73-74-147	+5	
Mark Wilson	72-75-147	+5	
Heath Slocum	72-76-148	+6	
Kevin Streelman	75-73-148	+6	
Harrison Frazar	73-76-149	+7	
David Morland IV	75-74-149	+7	

Tennis

Copa Colsanitas			
Friday			
At Club Campestre el Rancho			
Bogota, Colombia			
Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.)			
Surface: Clay-Outdoor			
Singles			
Quarterfinals			
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (7), Spain, def. Betina Jozami, Argentina, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4.			
Edina Gallovits, Romania, def. Masa Zec Peskircic, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-0.			
Patricia Mayr, Austria, def. Ioana Raluca Olaru, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.			
Gisela Dulko (3), Argentina, def. Mathilde Johansson (6), France, 6-1, 6-2.			
Doubles			
Semifinals			
Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (1), Spain, def. Lourdes Dom Dominguez Lino and Arantxa Parra Santonja (4), Spain, 6-3, 6-3.			
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (2), Italy, def. Edina Gallovits, Romania, and Barbora Zlahova Strycova (3), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-2, 20-18 tiebreak.			
Barclays Dubai Championships			
Saturday			
At Dubai Tennis Stadium			
Dubai, United Arab Emirates			
Purse: \$2 million (Premier)			
Surface: Hard-Outdoor			
Singles			
Championship			
Venus Williams (6), United States, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-4, 6-2.			
Doubles			
Semifinals			
Carla Black, Zimbabwe, and Liezel Huber (1), United States, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, and Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, 6-3, 6-3.			
Friday			
Semifinals			
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Kaia Kanepi (16), Estonia, 6-1, 6-2.			
Venus Williams (6), United States, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (3).			
Doubles			
Semifinals			
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, and Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Francesca Schiavone (4), Italy, 2-6, 6-3, 10-8 tiebreak.			
Carla Black, Zimbabwe, and Liezel Huber (1), United States, def. Samantha Stosur and Rennae Stubbs (3), Australia, 6-4, 6-4.			
Open 13			
Saturday			
At Palais des Sports			
Marseille, France			
Purse: \$740,000 (W750)			
Surface: Hard-Outdoor			
Singles			
Semifinals			
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (1).			
Gilles Simon (2), France, vs. Michael Llodra, France.			
Friday			
Singles			
Quarterfinals			
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.			
Michael Llodra, France, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3).			
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, def. Feliciano Lopez (8), Spain, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 6-4.			
Gilles Simon (2), France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-2, 6-4.			
Doubles			
Quarterfinals			
Arnaud Clement and Michael Llodra, France, def. Wesley Moodie, South Africa, and Dick Norman, Belgium, 6-4, 7-6 (1).			
Semifinals			
Julian Knowle, Austria, and Andy Ram (1), Israel, def. Tomas Berdych and Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-2.			
Copa Telmex			
Friday			
At Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club			
Buenos Aires, Argentina			
Purse: \$600,000 (W750)			
Surface: Clay-Outdoor			
Singles			
Quarterfinals			
Jose Acasuso (5), Argentina, def. Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.			
Tommy Robredo (3), Spain, def. Franco Ferreiro, Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (4).			
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 6-2, 6-3.			
David Nalbandian (1), Argentina, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-3, 3-0 retired.			
RMK Championships			
Friday			
At The Racquet Club of Memphis			
Memphis, Tenn.			
Purse: Men, \$1,226,500 (W7500); Women, \$220,000 (Int'l.)			
Surface: Hard-Indoor			
Singles			
Men			
Quarterfinals			
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.			
Radek Stepanek (5), Czech Republic, def. Juan Martin del Potro (2), Argentina, 7-6 (7), 6-4.			
Andy Roddick (1), United States, def. Sam Querrey (8), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.			
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3.			
Women			
Semifinals			
Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, def. Sabine Lisicki (6), Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1).			
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Anne Keothavong (4), Britain, 6-1, 6-0.			

Skiing

Men's World Cup GS

Saturday

At Sestriere, Italy

Giant Slalom

1. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 2 minutes, 49.57 seconds (1:22.76-1:26.81).

2. Stephan Goergl, Austria, 2:50.23 (1:24.04-1:26.19).

3. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:50.46 (1:23.72-1:26.53).

4. Romed Baumann, Austria, 2:50.62 (1:23.27-1:27.35).

5. Tim Jitloff, United States, 2:50.68 (1:25.10-1:25.58).

6. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 2:50.70 (1:24.17-1:26.53).

7. Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 2:50.99 (1:25.22-1:25.77).

8. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:51.00 (1:23.75-1:27.25).

9. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:51.03 (1:24.42-1:26.61).

10. Marcus Sandell, Finland, 2:51.05 (1:25.31-1:25.74).

11. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 2:51.08 (1:24.36-1:26.72).

12. Cyrien Richard, France, 2:51.14 (1:25.23-1:25.91).

13. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 2:51.20 (1:24.61-1:26.59).

14. Thomas Fanara, France, 2:51.23 (1:24.60-1:26.63).

15. Jake Zamansky, United States, 2:51.33 (1:25.24-1:26.09).

16. Massimiliano Bardon, Italy, 2:51.39 (1:23.74-1:27.65).

17. Mario Matt, Austria, 2:51.54 (1:25.22-1:26.32).

18. Sandro Viletta, Switzerland, 2:51.55 (1:25.94-1:25.61).

19. Jean-Philippe Roy, Canada, 2:51.75 (1:25.60-1:26.15).

20. Philipp Schoerghofer, Austria, 2:51.76 (1:25.60-1:26.16).

21. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 2:51.80 (1:23.76-1:28.04).

22. Peter Fill, Italy, 2:51.86 (1:24.88-1:26.98).

23. Davide Simoncelli, Italy, 2:51.94 (1:24.91-1:27.03).

24. Christoph Noesig, Austria, 2:52.01 (1:25.49-1:26.52).

25. Steve Missillier, France, 2:52.16 (1:25.47-1:26.69).

World Cup Giant Slalom Standings

(After six races)

1. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 346 points.

2. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 334.

3. Ted Ligety, United States, 241.

4. Massimiliano Bardon, Italy, 239.

5. Daniel Albrecht, Switzerland, 221.

6. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 220.

7. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 183.

8. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 177.

9. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 176.

10. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 138.

11. Romed Baumann, Austria, 130.

12. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 126.

13. Stephan Goergl, Austria, 121.

14. Cyrien Richard, France, 118.

15. Thomas Fanara, France, 109.

Also

24. Tim Jitloff, United States, 63.

35. Bode Miller, United States, 33.

36. Jake Zamansky, United States, 27.

World Cup Overall Standings

(After 27 races)

1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 766 points.

2. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 740.

3. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 726.

4. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 687.

5. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 628.

6. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 595.

7. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 549.

8. Bode Miller, United States, 517.

9. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 451.

10. Peter Fill, Italy, 432.

Women's World Cup downhill

Saturday

At Tarvisio, Italy

Downhill

1. Gina Stechert, Germany, 1 minute, 59.94 seconds.

2. Lindsey Vonn, United States, 1:59.95.

3. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 2:00.33.

4. Nadja Kamer, Switzerland, 2:00.70.

5. Aurelie Revillet, France, 2:01.09.

6. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 2:01.15.

7. Dominique Gislin, Switzerland, 2:01.22.

8. Kelly Vanderbeek, Canada, 2:01.28.

9. Larisa Yurkiu, Canada, 2:01.33.

10. Maria Riesch, Germany, 2:01.37.

11. Martina Schild, Switzerland, 2:01.51.

12. Marie Marchand-Arvier, France, 2:01.52.

13. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 2:01.58.

14. Julia Mancuso, United States, 2:01.58.

15. Emily Brydon, Canada, 2:01.61.

16. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 2:01.68.

17. Chelsea Marshall, United States, 2:01.75.

18. Nadia Styger, Switzerland, 2:01.78.

19. Daniela Merighetti, Italy, 2:01.92.

20. Ingrid Jacquemod, France, 2:01.96.

20. Nadia Fanchini, Italy, 2:01.96.

22. Maria Rohrer, France, 2:02.01.

World Cup Downhill Standings

(After four races)

1. Lindsey Vonn, United States, 320 points.

2. Dominique Gislin, Switzerland, 262.

3. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 220.

4. Maria Riesch, Germany, 167.

5. Gina Stechert, Germany, 150.

6. Nadia Fanchini, Italy, 121.

7. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 120.

8. Andrea Fischbacher, Austria, 101.

9. Marie Marchand-Arvier, France, 98.

10. Emily Brydon, Canada, 97.

11. Kelly Vanderbeek, Canada, 91.

12. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 86.

13. Aurelie Revillet, France, 84.

14. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 80.

15. Daniela Merighetti, Italy, 64.

Also

31. Julia Mancuso, United States, 28.

37. Chelsea Marshall, United States, 14.

38. Leanne Smith, United States, 9.





GERRY BROOME/AP

Carolina's Joe Corvo, left, and Tampa Bay's Ryan Malone fight for the puck during the first period of Friday's game in Raleigh, N.C.

## NHL scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	18	3	79	182	147
Philadelphia	31	16	9	71	185	164
N.Y. Rangers	31	22	6	68	147	163
Pittsburgh	28	25	6	62	178	182
N.Y. Islanders	17	35	6	40	140	198
Northeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	40	10	8	88	197	131
Montreal	30	22	7	67	179	181
Buffalo	30	23	6	66	175	166
Ottawa	22	26	9	53	141	163
Toronto	21	26	11	53	175	214
Southeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	17	5	79	196	170
Florida	29	21	8	66	164	159
Carolina	30	25	5	65	157	174
Tampa Bay	19	28	12	50	148	188
Atlanta	21	32	6	48	175	208

### Western Conference

Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	12	8	86	226	172
Chicago	33	15	8	74	190	140
Columbus	30	23	6	66	163	164
Nashville	27	28	4	58	141	168
St. Louis	25	26	7	57	165	177
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	34	18	6	74	184	171
Vancouver	29	21	8	66	178	168
Edmonton	29	25	4	62	163	179
Minnesota	28	24	4	60	144	132
Colorado	28	30	1	57	163	181
Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	39	8	9	87	196	139
Dallas	29	21	7	65	173	176
Anaheim	28	27	5	61	168	175
Los Angeles	25	23	9	59	152	164
Phoenix	26	28	5	57	150	181

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

#### Friday's games

Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 1

Colorado 4, Washington 1

Detroit 5, Anaheim 2

#### Saturday's games

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

Chicago at Dallas

Ottawa at Montreal

Atlanta at San Jose

Phoenix at Los Angeles

N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo

Boston at Florida

Anaheim at Columbus

Vancouver at Toronto

New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders

Detroit at Minnesota

Nashville at St. Louis

Calgary at Edmonton

#### Sunday's games

Pittsburgh at Washington

Colorado at Carolina

Boston at Tampa Bay

Minnesota at Chicago

Toronto at N.Y. Rangers

#### Monday's game

San Jose at Dallas

### Friday

#### Hurricanes 4, Lightning 1

Tampa Bay 0 1 0-1

Carolina 1 1 2-4

First Period—1, Carolina, Staal 27

(Samsonov, Ruutu), 8:30.

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Prospal

14 (Halpern), 1:53; 3, Carolina, Jokinen 7

(Brind'Amour), 14:30.

Third Period—4, Carolina, Corvo 10

(Whitney, Samsonov), 3:38 (pp), 5, Caro-

lina, Corvo 11 (Whitney, Staal), 4:17 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 1-8-4-13.

Carolina 14-11-16-41.

Power-play opportunities—Tampa

Bay 0 of 3; Carolina 2 of 6.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, McKenna 2-3-1

(41 shots-37 saves). Carolina, Ward 24-

19-3 (13-12).

A—17,711 (18,680). T—2:24.

### Avalanche 4, Capitals 1

Colorado 1 1 2-4

Washington 1 0 0-1

First Period—1, Colorado, Smyth 20

(Foote), 10:27; 2, Washington, Backstrom

15 (Fleischmann, Fehr), 19:45.

Second Period—3, Colorado, Foote 1

(Hejduk, Smyth), 7:46.

Third Period—4, Colorado, Arnason

5 (Svatos), 3:33; 5, Colorado, Wolski 13

(Smyth, Clark), 12:36.

Shots on Goal—Colorado 12-8-5-25.

Washington 8-8-13-29.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado

0 of 4; Washington 0 of 2.

Goalies—Colorado, Raycroft 12-7-0 (29

shots-28 saves). Washington, Theodore

22-11-3 (25-21).

A—18,277 (18,277). T—2:19.

### Red Wings 5, Ducks 2

Anaheim 1 0 1-2

Detroit 2 1 2-5

First Period—1, Anaheim, Getzlaf 20

(Pronger, Selanne), :52 (pp), 2, Detroit,

Clearly 12 (Zetterberg, Kronwall), 13:48.

3, Detroit, Datsyuk 25 (Zetterberg, Lid-

strom), 19:26 (pp).

Second Period—4, Detroit, Zetterberg

22 (Datsyuk, Kopecky), 11:39 (pp).

Third Period—5, Detroit, Franzen 25,

1:23; 6, Anaheim, Ryan 20 (Ebbett, Se-

lanne), 13:55; 7, Detroit, Draper 5 (Rafal-

ski), 19:53.

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 7-4-15-26.

Detroit 11-11-12-34.

Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 1

of 4; Detroit 2 of 5.

Goalies—Anaheim, Giguere 14-15-4

(34 shots-29 saves). Detroit, Conklin 21-

7-1 (26-24).

A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:24.

### Scoring leaders

Through Feb. 20

	GP	G	A	PTS
Malkin, Pit	59	26	58	84
Ovechkin, Was	57	42	33	75
Datsyuk, Det	58	25	49	74
Crosby, Pit	58	21	53	74
Parise, NJ	59	35	35	70
Getzlaf, Ana	59	20	47	67
Thornton, SJ	56	14	53	67
Elias, NJ	59	23	41	64
Marleau, SJ	56	33	30	63
Kovalchuk, Atl	59	30	33	63
Savard, Bos	58	21	42	63
Backstrom, Was	59	15	47	62
Iginla, Cal	58	21	40	61
Hossa, Det	59	33	27	60
Carter, Phi	56	34	25	59
Krejci, Bos	58	20	39	59
D.Sedin, Van	58	25	33	58
Richards, Phi	53	22	35	57
4 tied				55

### Calendar

March 4 — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.

April 12 — Last day of 2008-09 regular

season.

April 15 — Stanley Cup Playoffs begin.

May 25-30 — NHL Combine, Toronto.

June 15 — Last possible day for Stan-

ley Cup finals.

June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal.

July 1 — Free agency signing period

begins.

July 5 — Deadline for player-elected

salary arbitration.

July 6 — Deadline for club-elected salary

arbitration.

July 10 — Deadline for eligible players

to elect Group 5 free agency.

July 20-Aug. 4 — Salary arbitration

hearings held.

Aug. 6 — Deadline for salary arbitra-

tion decisions to be rendered.

## NHL roundup

# Conklin stars for Red Wings

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Ty Conklin has played so well as Chris Osgood's backup that the Detroit Red Wings can afford to give the struggling starter some days off to get his game together in time for the playoffs.

Conklin was close to the top of his game Friday night, making 24 saves for his 11th straight home victory, 5-2 over the Anaheim Ducks.

Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and two assists, Pavel Datsyuk added a goal and an assist, and Dan Cleary, Johan Franzen and Kris Draper also scored.

A career backup, Conklin is 21-7-1 with a 2.32 goals-against average, .915 save percentage and six shutouts this season, his first with Stanley Cup champion Detroit after leaving Pittsburgh as a free agent to back up Osgood.

Osgood, the starter in Detroit's

1998 and 2008 Stanley Cup victories and a backup on the Red Wings' 1997 championship team, was a healthy scratch and also will sit out Detroit's game Saturday night in Minnesota.

"I can't concern myself with that," Conklin said. "That's between Chris, the coaching staff and management. I'm behind Chris. He's my teammate."

Osgood is 18-5-7 with a 3.29 GAA and .879 save percentage, the worst among NHL goalies who have played regularly.

"We're trying to be proactive. We're forcing the situation," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "We're challenging him to be the goalie he's capable of being and get himself physically and mentally to the top of his game."

**Avalanche 4, Capitals 1:** At Washington, Ryan Smyth had a goal and two assists, and Andrew Raycroft made 28 saves to help Colorado end Alex Ovechkin's

points streak at 10 games.

Colorado won its third straight to give coach Tony Granato his 100th career victory, and also end Washington's winning streak at three.

Adam Foote added a goal and an assist, and Tyler Arnason and Wojtek Wolski also scored for Colorado.

Nicklas Backstrom scored for Washington.

**Hurricanes 4, Lightning 1:** At Raleigh, N.C., Joe Corvo scored 5-on-3 goals 39 seconds apart for Carolina, and Jussi Jokinen had the go-ahead goal against his former team.

Eric Staal had a goal and an assist for Carolina, 5-0 against Tampa Bay this season. The Hurricanes are ninth in the Eastern Conference, a point behind Florida and Buffalo.

Vaclav Prospal scored for Tampa Bay.

# James scores 55 in Cavs victory

By CHRIS JENKINS

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — LeBron James heaved a 33-foot shot through the net to beat the buzzer and headed into halftime with 25 points under his belt.

Turns out, he was just getting warmed up. James erased the Cleveland Cavaliers' halftime deficit by scoring 16 points in less than three minutes to begin the third quarter, on his way to 55 for the night — one shy of his career high — in a 111-103 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday.

"Just got in the zone, man," James said. "I saw a few go down, so I just kept going at it, man. Every shot that I made tonight, every shot that we all made tonight, we needed."

James' big night was highlighted by his remarkable run in the first 2:50 of the third quarter, when he almost single-handedly turned a six-point halftime deficit into an eight-point Cavaliers lead. And he could have scored two more in that stretch had he not missed two free throws.

"It was almost like watching a video game," Zydrunas Ilgauskas said.

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown fought the urge to cringe as James kept taking long-range three after long-range three, each shot seemingly longer than the next.

"I've just got to coach myself," Brown said. "I've got to make sure that I'm not overcoaching. And I just need to sit down, be quiet, and watch the show like everybody else."

As if that wasn't enough action for one night, Milwaukee's Charlie Villanueva was ejected after a heated confrontation with Ilgauskas in the fourth quarter.

Still, James was the main attraction — especially during Cleveland's 18-4 third-quarter run that began with Mo Williams' steal and layup. The rest was all James.

He banked in a jump shot, then made long three-pointers on four of the Cavaliers' next five possessions. James hit back-to-back threes, then was fouled on the next possession and missed both free throws.

On the Cavs' next possession, James connected on a three from the left side over Milwaukee's Richard Jefferson. Jefferson answered with a jumper, but James hit yet another three — this time from the right side, bringing the Cavaliers' bench players to their feet in a raucous celebration.

James' scoring spree wasn't over. After an offensive foul on Milwaukee, James hit a pull-up jumper from the wing with 9:10 left in the quarter, putting Cleveland up 69-61 and forcing Milwaukee to call a timeout.



DARREN HAUCK/AP

LeBron James launches a hook shot in Friday night's game against Milwaukee. James scored 55 points in Cleveland's 111-103 win.



## NBA scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

## Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	12	.786	
Philadelphia	27	26	.509	15½
New Jersey	24	32	.429	20
New York	31	25	.552	13½
Toronto	21	36	.368	23½

## Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	40	14	.741	
Atlanta	32	23	.582	8½
Miami	28	25	.528	11½
Charlotte	22	30	.424	18½
Washington	13	42	.236	27½

## Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	42	11	.792	
Detroit	27	26	.509	15
Milwaukee	31	31	.466	17½
Chicago	26	30	.465	18
Indiana	23	34	.404	21

## Western Conference

## Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	17	.679	
Houston	31	23	.618	3
New Orleans	32	21	.604	4
Dallas	32	22	.593	4½
Memphis	15	40	.273	22

## Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	37	18	.673	
Portland	34	20	.630	2½
Utah	32	23	.582	5
Minnesota	18	36	.333	18½
Oklahoma City	13	42	.236	24

## Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	45	10	.818	
Golden State	19	36	.345	26
L.A. Clippers	13	42	.236	32
Sacramento	12	44	.214	33½

## Thursday's games

San Antonio 83, Detroit 79  
Utah 90, Boston 85

## Friday's games

Orlando 92, Charlotte 80  
New York 127, Toronto 97  
Houston 93, Dallas 86  
Sacramento 112, Memphis 106  
Washington 107, New Jersey 96  
Indiana 110, Minnesota 105  
Chicago 116, Denver 99  
Cleveland 111, Milwaukee 103  
Phoenix 140, Oklahoma City 118  
Portland 108, Atlanta 98  
L.A. Lakers 115, New Orleans 111, OT

## Saturday's games

Philadelphia at Miami  
San Antonio at Washington  
New Orleans at Dallas  
Sacramento at Golden State

## Sunday's games

Chicago at Indiana  
New York at Toronto  
Boston at Phoenix  
Denver at Milwaukee  
Charlotte at Houston  
Miami at Orlando  
L.A. Clippers at Portland  
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota  
Detroit at Cleveland

## Monday's games

Philadelphia at New Jersey  
Indiana at New York  
Boston at Denver  
Atlanta at Utah  
New Orleans at Sacramento  
Golden State at L.A. Clippers

## Tuesday's games

Memphis at Cleveland  
Minnesota at Toronto  
Detroit at Miami  
Orlando at Chicago  
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City  
Portland at Houston  
Dallas at San Antonio  
Charlotte at Phoenix

## Friday

## Magic 92, Bobcats 80

**ORLANDO** — Turkoglu 7-13 7-10 24, Lewis 6-14 1-1 18, D.Howard 5-8 3-4 13, Johnson 3-7 1-1 8, Lee 2-5 2-2 7, Alston 1-1 2-3, Battie 2-2 0-0 4, Redick 0-6 0-0 0, Pietrus 3-6 0-0 7, Gortat 2-3 4-4 8. Totals 31-73 19-24 92.

**CHARLOTTE** — Wallace 3-8 5-11, Diaw 5-14 3-15, Okafor 6-9 1-15, Felton 6-18 4-14 16, Bell 3-7 0-0 7, Augustin 3-11 2-2 9, Diop 1-3 0-2 2, Martin 1-2 0-0 2, Radmanovic 1-2 0-0 2, J.Howard 1-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 15-22 80.

**Orlando** 21 28 15-92  
**Charlotte** 18 27 19-80  
Three-Point Goals—Orlando 11-34 (Lewis 5-9, Turkoglu 3-8, Lee 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Pietrus 1-4, Alston 0-3, Redick 0-4, Charlotte 5-13 (Diaw 2-4, Bell 1-1, Augustin 1-2, Radmanovic 1-4, Felton 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 52 (D.Howard 16), Charlotte 52 (Okafor 11). Assists—Orlando 20 (Alston 8), Charlotte 14 (Felton 5). Total Fouls—Orlando 21, Charlotte 22. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second, Radmanovic. A-19,244 (19,077).

## Knicks 127, Raptors 97

**TORONTO** — Bosh 4-13 4-6 12, Marion 7-15 0-0 14, Bargnani 6-16 5-7 18, Calderon 4-8 0-0 9, Parker 0-2 0-0 0, Graham 7-12 5-19, Uick 2-7 1-5, Kapono 6-13 0-14, Banks 2-6 1-2 6, O'Bryant 0-0 0-0 0, Javai 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-93 16-22 97.

**NEW YORK** — Harrington 7-10 2-2 20, Lee 9-16 6-6 24, Jeffries 3-2 2-2 6, DuHou 1-0 0-2, Chandler 12-23 2-2 32, Robinson 10-18 3-26, Richardson 2-8 2-7, Gallinari 3-10 2-10 2. Totals 46-93 18-19 127.

**Toronto** 22 28 25-97  
**New York** 42 38 26-127  
Three-Point Goals—Toronto 5-17 (Kapono 2-4, Banks 1-3, Calderon 1-3, Bargnani 1-4, Parker 0-1, Uick 0-2), New York 17-34 (Chandler 6-10, Harrington 4-6, Richardson 4-8, Gallinari 4-8, Robinson 1-5, DuHou 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 54 (Marion 12), New York 55 (Lee 15). Assists—Toronto 23 (Calderon 10), New York 27 (Robinson 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 15, New York 22. A-19,763 (19,763).



PAUL CONNORS/AP

**Phoenix Suns guard Leandro Barbosa filled in admirably for Amare Stoudemire in the Suns' 140-118 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Friday.**

## Rockets 93, Mavericks 86

**DALLAS** — Howard 9-19 2-21, Nowitzki 4-18 1-1 9, Dampier 1-2 1-2 3, Kidd 1-4 0-0 3, Wright 5-11 0-0 11, Stackhouse 0-3 0-0 0, Bass 4-11 5-6 13, Hollins 0-1 0-2 0, Barea 10-17 1-2 26, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-96 10-15 86.

**HOUSTON** — Battier 2-6 0-0 6, Scola 5-7 5-6 15, Yao 8-16 6-6 22, Brooks 7-15 2-3 19, Artest 6-16 3-4 17, Hayes 0-1 0-0 0, Wafer 1-7 0-0 3, Lowry 2-3 2-2 6, Barry 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 33-75 18-21 93.

**Dallas** 28 23 13 22-86  
**Houston** 19 25 30 19-93  
Three-Point Goals—Dallas 8-19 (Barea 5-8, Kidd 1-2, Howard 1-3, Wright 1-4, Stackhouse 0-2), Houston 9-19 (Brooks 3-5, Artest 2-4, Battier 2-4, Barry 1-2, Wafer 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 46 (Nowitzki 11), Houston 56 (Scola 15). Assists—Dallas 16 (Kidd, Barea 5), Houston 21 (Brooks 8). Total Fouls—Dallas 19, Houston 17. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A-18,195 (18,043).

## Kings 115, Grizzlies 106

**SACRAMENTO** — Garcia 3-10 7-8 15, Thompson 6-10 5-10 17, Hawes 5-6 1-2 11, Udrih 4-7 8-8 18, Martin 8-18 15-15 33, Jackson 4-12 1-1 10, Greene 4-9 0-0 11, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 37 44 115.

**MEMPHIS** — Gay 7-24 8-12 23, Warrick 3-7 0-6, Gasol 3-6 0-0 6, Conley 3-13 9-10 16, Mayo 6-11 10-10 24, Arthur 5-8 0-2 10, Millicic 5-12 2-12, Buckner 3-5 0-0 6, Jaric 0-1 0-0 0, Ross 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 36-94 29-36 106.

**Sacramento** 27 27 27 34-115  
**Memphis** 28 22 28 28-106  
Three-Point Goals—Sacramento 10-25 (Greene 3-7, Udrih 2-2, Garcia 2-5, Martin 2-6, Jackson 1-5), Memphis 5-17 (Mayo 2-5, Ross 1-1, Gay 1-4, Conley 1-6, Buckner 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 49 (Thompson 9), Memphis 62 (Gay, Conley 10). Assists—Sacramento 23 (Udrih 6), Memphis 16 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 25, Memphis 29. Technicals—Memphis defensive three second. A-15,036 (18,119).

## Pacers 112, Twolves 105

**INDIANA** — Daniels 11-18 1-2 24, Murphy 4-12 5-16 16, Hibbert 3-6 1-2 7, Ford 6-12 0-0 13, Jack 4-11 8-8 18, Nesterovic 4-5 0-0 8, Rush 4-12 1-2 10, Diener 2-5 0-0 6, Baston 2-3 4-6 8, McRoberts 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-85 20-11 112.

**MINNESOTA** — Miller 7-12 2-3 18, Gomes 10-19 4-6 26, Love 1-5 3-5 5, Telfair 1-9 2-5 5, Foye 13-23 5-7 36, Collins 1-2 2-2 4, Smith 0-3 3-8 3, Carney 2-6 0-0 4, Ollie 0-1 2-4 2, Cardinal 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-82 23-41 105.

**Indiana** 33 28 25-112  
**Minnesota** 26 22 23 34-105  
Three-Point Goals—Ind. 10-19 (Murphy 3-6, Jack 2-2, Diener 2-3, Ford 1-1, Daniels 1-3, Rush 1-4), Minn. 10-23 (Foye 5-8, Miller 2-3, Gomes 2-3, Telfair 1-5, Cardinal 0-1, Carney 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Ind. 51 (Murphy 14), Minn. 63 (Love 12). Assists—Ind. 22 (Diener 6), Minn. 18 (Telfair 6). Total Fouls—Ind. 26, Minn. 24. A-13,777 (19,356).

## Bulls 116, Nuggets 99

**DENVER** — Anthony 5-18 1-4 12, Martin 3-6 0-0 6, Nene 9-17 1-3 19, Billups 9-16 4-25, Jones 1-4 1-2 3, Smith 3-8 2-2 9, Andersen 3-4 1-2 7, Kleiza 5-10 4-4 16, Carter 1-3 0-0 2, Weems 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 14-21 99.

**CHICAGO** — Deng 6-13 10-10 22, Ty.Thomas 7-11 7-21, Noah 4-8 5-6 13, Rose 5-11 0-0 10, Gordon 13-23 7-37, Hinrich 3-7 2-2 9, Gray 2-6 0-0 4, L.Hunter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 31-34 116.

**Denver** 31 23 23 33-116  
**Chicago** 21 33 29 33-116  
Three-Point Goals—Denver 7-14 (Billups 3-5, Kleiza 2-3, Smith 1-3, Anthony 1-3), Chicago 5-11 (Gordon 4-7, Hinrich 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 46 (Anthony 8), Chicago 50 (Ty.Thomas, Deng 12). Assists—Denver 20 (Billups 6), Chicago 23 (Hinrich 8). Total Fouls—Denver 26, Chicago 20. A-21,970 (21,711).

## Cavaliers 111, Bucks 103

**CLEVELAND** — James 16-29 15-22 55, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Ilgauskas 5-8 0-0 11, Williams 8-17 4-4 23, Kinsey 2-5 2-2 7, Varejao 2-4 1-2 5, Szczerbak 3-7 0-0 6, Hickson 2-2 0-0 4, Gibson 0-3 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-75 22-30 111.

**MILWAUKEE** — Jefferson 6-13 4-6 17, Villanueva 10-22 5-8 26, Elson 5-7 0-0 10, Sessions 5-6 2-4 12, Mbah a Moute 2-5 0-1 4, Bell 4-7 3-4 15, Ridnour 1-5 5-5 7, Bogans 3-7 2-2 10, Gadzuric 1-1 0-0 2, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-76 21-30 103.

**Cleveland** 25 26 35 25-111  
**Milwaukee** 27 30 25 21-103  
Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 13-26 (James 8-11, Williams 3-6, Kinsey 1-3, Ilgauskas 1-3, Szczerbak 0-1, Gibson 0-2), Milwaukee 8-19 (Bell 4-5, Bogans 2-4, Jefferson 1-4, Villanueva 1-5, Alexander 0-1). Fouled Out—Bell, Elson, Rebounds—Cleveland 47 (Varejao 7), Milwaukee 46 (Villanueva 13). Assists—Cleveland 17 (James 9), Milwaukee 23 (Ridnour, Villanueva 6). Total Fouls—Cleveland 30, Milwaukee 32. Technicals—Ilgauskas. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva. Ejected—Villanueva. A-18,076 (18,717).

## Suns 140, Thunder 118

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 12-23 8-9 35, Green 3-9 4-5 10, Krstic 8-13 0-0 16, Westbrook 6-15 4-4 19, Weaver 1-2 0-0 3, Watson 4-11 2-2 12, Collinson 7-11 0-1 14, Odom 0-0 3, Wilkins 2-6 0-0 6. Totals 44-96 18-21 118.

**PHOENIX** — Richardson 14-20 2-2 34, Hill 2-6 2-2 6, O'Neal 9-14 4-7 22, Nash 5-9 2-2 13, Barbosa 16-21 4-4 41, Barnes 5-10 2-2 14, Amundson 1-2 1-2 3, Dragic 0-5 2-2 2, Dudley 1-4 3-4 5, Lopez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 53-91 22-27 140.

**Oklahoma City** 23 34 36 25-118  
**Phoenix** 38 41 24 37-140  
Three-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 12-21 (Westbrook 3-4, Durant 3-5, Wilkins 2-2, Watson 2-5, Weaver 1-2, Atkins 1-3), Phoenix 12-22 (Barbosa 5-7, Richardson 4-5, Barnes 2-4, Nash 1-4, Dudley 0-1, Dragic 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 53 (Green 14), Phoenix 45 (O'Neal 9). Assists—Oklahoma City 26 (Westbrook 8), Phoenix 35 (Barnes 9). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 27, Phoenix 20. Flagrant Fouls—O'Neal. A-18,422 (18,422).

## Trail Blazers 108, Hawks 98

**ATLANTA** — Williams 7-13 0-0 15, Smith 5-12 1-1 11, Horford 1-3 2-4 4, Bibby 10-14 5-6 27, Johnson 7-22 5-6 21, Evans 1-5 0-0 3, Pachulia 0-1 0-0 0, Murray 6-8 4-6 17, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, West 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 17 98.

**PORTLAND** — Batum 1-6 0-0 2, Aldridge 11-20 2-2 22, Przybylla 3-6 0-0 6, Blake 6-14 1-3 14, Roy 12-22 1-2 27, Outlaw 3-5 4-4 12, Fernandez 6-11 4-5 19, Frye 1-4 0-0 2, Rodriguez 1-4 0-0 2, Bayless 0-0 0-0 0, Ruffin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-92 12-16 108.

**Atlanta** 26 22 24 26-98  
**Portland** 27 27 30 28-108  
Three-Point Goals—Atlanta 7-22 (Bibby 2-5, Johnson 2-6, Murray 1-3, Williams 1-4, Evans 1-4), Portland 8-23 (Fernandez 3-7, Roy 2-3, Outlaw 2-3, Blake 1-7, Batum 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 48 (Johnson 8), Portland 51 (Aldridge 11). Assists—Atlanta 19 (Johnson 7), Portland 22 (Blake 4-4, Bibby 5-6, Fernandez 5-6, Frye 1-1, Jones 1-1, Ruffin 1-1). Total Fouls—Atlanta 15, Portland 16. Technicals—Pachulia, Portland defensive three second 2. A-20,250 (19,980).

## Lakers 115, Hornets 111 (OT)

**NEW ORLEANS** — Stojakovic 2-11 0-0 5, West 6-14 4-5 16, Armstrong 4-0 0-8, Paul 8-16 5-5 21, Butler 11-20 3-3 31, Marks 1-4 1-2 3, Posey 6-14 1-2 17, D.Brown 2-6 1-2 6, Ely 1-2 0-0 2, Daniels 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-92 15-19 111.

**L.A. LAKERS** — Walton 5-7 2-3 14, Odom 4-11 1-7 12, Stojakovic 14-40 1-4 20, Fisher 3-10 6-6 14, Bryant 13-20 12-19 39, Farmer 2-6 0-0 5, Ariza 2-5 2-4 7, Powell 1-5 0-0 2, Vujacic 0-2 0-0 0, S.Brown 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 38-92 32-38 115.

**New Orleans** 20 21 25 32 13-111  
**L.A. Lakers** 28 17 34 19 17-115  
Three-Point Goals—New Orleans 12-32 (Butler 6-8, Posey 4-4, D.Brown 1-2, Stojakovic 1-8, West 1-1, Paul 0-3), L.A. Lakers 11-21 (Walton 2-3, Fisher 2-7, Farmer 1-2, Bryant 1-2, Ariza 1-3, Odom 0-1, S.Brown 0-1, Vujacic 0-2). Fouled Out—Paul. Rebounds—New Orleans 55 (West 16), L.A. Lakers 59 (Odom 17). Assists—New Orleans 27 (Paul 16), L.A. Lakers 26 (Gasol 6). Total Fouls—New Orleans 31, L.A. Lakers 22. A-18,997 (18,997).

## Wizards 107, Nets 96

**WASHINGTON** — McGuire 5-8 1-2 11, Jamison 10-17 10-28, Songalla 5-6 0-0 12, James 6-15 6-6 19, Butler 7-18 5-7 19, Crittenton 1-3 2-2 4, Blatche 4-12 1-2 9, McGee 1-1 1-2 3, Young 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 40-85 25-33 107.

**NEW JERSEY** — Hassell 0-4 0-0 0, Anderson 1-8 2-2 4, Lopez 7-12 2-2 16, Harris 7-16 10-13 26, Carter 6-17 4-6 17, Boone 2-0 0-4, Simmons 5-13 0-0 3, Yi 2-3 0-3, Doolen 1-3 0-5 13. Totals 33-87 23-32 96.

**Washington** 20 25 35 27-107  
**New Jersey** 18 24 23 31-96  
Three-Point Goals—Washington 2-10 (Jamison 1-2, James 1-3, Crittenton 0-1, Young 0-1, Butler 0-3), New Jersey 7-29 (Harris 2-4, Doolen 2-6, Simmons 2-6, Carter 1-6, Yi 0-3, Anderson 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 52 (McGuire 14), New Jersey 52 (Anderson 9). Assists—Washington 16 (Crittendon, Blatche, McGuire 3), New Jersey 22 (Harris 10). Total Fouls—Washington 23, New Jersey 24. Technicals—Jamison, Washington defensive three second. A-15,113 (19,990).

## NBA roundup

## Barbosa scores 41; Suns again hit 140

The Associated Press

**PHOENIX** — The Phoenix Suns didn't slow down without Amare Stoudemire. Quite the contrary.

They inserted the fastest Phoenix player of all, Leandro Barbosa, into the starting lineup Friday night and the "Brazilian Blur" responded with a career-high 41 points to lead the Suns to a 140-118 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Jason Richardson added 34 points and Shaquille O'Neal 22 as the Suns became the first team in 18 seasons to score at least 140 points in three consecutive games. The Portland Trail Blazers did it for the first time in franchise history.

With the Boston Celtics coming to town next, new Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry assured everyone the high-scoring streak was over.

"I can promise you we are not getting 140 Sunday," he said.

Kevin Durant scored 35 for the Thunder, who trailed by 28 in the first half but cut the lead to six early in the fourth quarter before Barbosa and the Suns blew the game open for good.

Barbosa, a starter after Stoudemire underwent surgery earlier in the day to repair a partially torn retina in his right eye, also had seven assists and tied his career best with six steals.

Barbosa reached his career best and put the Suns at 140 with a jumper with 20.7 seconds to play after his teammates kept urging him to keep shooting.

"I didn't know what was happening on the court at the end of the game," Barbosa said. "We were winning and coach said for me to keep going to the basket. After we finished the game, I found out I had 41 points. I was very happy, but I was happier that we did it together."

Phoenix improved to 3-0 since Terry Porter was fired and replaced by Gentry, who reinstated the Suns' super-speed style that the team played so well under Mike D'Antoni.

Since that change, the Suns beat the Los Angeles Clippers 140-110 on Wednesday night and 142-119 on Thursday. Those two victories came with Stoudemire, who won't be able to resume physical activity for about eight weeks, meaning he could well be out for the rest of the season.

**Lakers 115, Hornets 111 (OT):** Kobe Bryant scored 11 of his 39 points in overtime and host Los Angeles snapped New Orleans' NBA-record streak of 13 consecutive overtime victories.

The Lakers improved the NBA's best record to 45-10 and avenged a 116-105 loss to the Hornets on Jan. 6 that ended a 15-game home winning streak.

Rasual Butler led the Hornets with 31 points.

**Knicks 127, Raptors 97:** Wilson Chandler scored a career-high 32 points, Nate Robinson added 26, and host New York

matched its victory total from last season.

New York can better last season's 23-59 mark under Isiah Thomas with a victory Sunday in Toronto, when newcomers Larry Hughes and Chris Wilcox could make their Knicks debuts.

**Bulls 116, Nuggets 99:** Ben Gordon scored a season-high 37 points to lead short-handed host Chicago.

Luol Deng scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Tyrus Thomas added 21 and 12 to give the Bulls their second straight victory since dealing four players to Sacramento on Thursday.

Chauncey Billups scored 25 to lead



## College basketball roundup

# Three Big East powers maintain logjam at top

## UConn, Louisville, Marquette keep up hot pace

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Ha-sheem Thabeet had 21 points and nine rebounds as No. 1 Connecticut bounced back from its second loss of the season with a 64-50 victory over South Florida on Saturday.

The 7-foot-3 junior blocked six shots and showed no ill effects from a hyperextended shoulder when he was flipped by Pittsburgh's DeJuan Blair in the Huskies' 76-68 loss to the No. 4 Panthers on Monday.

A.J. Price had 11 points and Jeff Adrien had nine points and 15 rebounds for Connecticut (25-2), which reached 25 victories for the 11th time in 20 years. And, at 13-2, Connecticut continued to set the pace in the Big East, with Louisville (12-2), Marquette (12-2) and Pitt (11-2) the other league teams with but two losses.

Augustus Gilchrist scored 15 points for South Florida (8-18, 3-11) and Dominique Jones added 14. The Bulls, 0-7 against Connecticut, have lost four straight.

The Huskies played their third game without injured guard Jerome Dyson, their top outside threat, and were just 1-of-7 from three-point range. But that lone basket, by Price, made it 51-40, part of a 14-4 run that put the game out of reach.

The Huskies are still battling for a top seed in both the Big East and NCAA tournaments, with games remaining against No. 10 Marquette and Notre Dame, before a rematch with No. 4 Pitt in Pittsburgh.

The victory was No. 799 for Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun. He will get a chance for No. 800 on Wednesday at Marquette.

**No. 7 Louisville 72, Cincinnati 63:** Terrence Williams scored 20 points Saturday as Louisville got back on track and, perhaps, back into their coach's good graces.

Louisville (21-5, 12-2 Big East) has been smarting from a 33-point loss to Notre Dame on Feb. 12 that prompted coach Rick Pitino to confiscate their practice gear. They have won three in a row since, the latest effort ranking as the best of the bunch.

Williams, who was hobbled by a sprained right wrist for three games, showed he's fully recovered by scoring from everywhere on the court and starting a decisive 12-2 run in the second half.

Alvin Mitchell scored 14 points for Cincinnati (17-10, 7-7), which fell to 1-5 against ranked teams.

Maybe now the Cardinals can get their practice duds back.

Pitino purged the locker room of all Louisville-stamped practice gear following that stunning loss to Notre Dame. Instead of their snazzy white-and-red practice jerseys, the Cardinals were con-

signed to bottom-shelf apparel — plain shirts and shorts.

When would they get the duds back? When they beat somebody on the road. After dominant victories over DePaul and Providence at Freedom Hall, the Cardinals hit the road Saturday with their gear up for grabs.

Samardo Samuels, Louisville's 6-foot-8 freshman forward, provided a tone-setting moment with 13 minutes to go when he shook loose inside for a basket and drew a foul. Samuels missed the free throw, but Louisville got the rebound and went right back to Samuels, who missed a shot, got the rebound in a crowd and put it in for a 51-45 lead.

Williams had a putback and a three-pointer that stretched the lead to 60-51 with 8:37 to go, starting the decisive 12-3 spurt. A three-pointer by Preston Knowles made it 67-54.

**No. 10 Marquette 78, Georgetown 72:** Wesley Matthews scored 23 points, including a career-high five three-pointers, as visiting Marquette opened the brutal homestretch to its regular season schedule. Jerel McNeal added 22 points, seven assists and six rebounds while playing all 40 minutes, and Lazar Hayward had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Golden Eagles, who committed only six turnovers and shot 48 percent from the field.

Marquette (23-4, 12-2) is chasing its first Big East regular season title, and the Golden Eagles will certainly earn it if they get there. Their final four games are against No. 1 Connecticut, No. 7 Louisville, No. 4 Pittsburgh and No. 24 Syracuse.

Georgetown was a top 10 team last month, but the Hoyas (14-11, 5-9) have lost seven of nine while grappling with their own tough slate of games.

**No. 11 Missouri 66, Colorado 53:** Leo Lyons, who missed Missouri's 45-point blowout of Colorado last month while serving a one-game suspension after his arrest on traffic violations, Lyons had 13 points and 15 rebounds for his third double-double of the season. Missouri (23-4, 10-2 Big 12) reach double figures in conference victories for the first time in nine years.

Michael Anderson Jr. added 11 points and Demarre Carroll had 10 for the Tigers, who won their sixth straight Big 12 game.

For a few minutes, it looked like this was going to be a repeat of Missouri's 107-62 rout of the Buffs last month in Columbia, Mo. The Buffaloes (9-17, 1-11) fell behind 10-1 before rallying behind Austin Dufault, who had 15 points, and Cory Higgins, who added 14.

The Buffs, coming off a 46-41

loss at Nebraska that was their lowest point total in 49 years, were helped by some uncharacteristic lapses from Missouri as they kept this one from being a blowout early.

The Buffs got within nine points twice in the second half, the last time at 54-45 on Trey Eckloff's basket with 6:40 left. The Tigers responded with an 8-0 run to put the game away.

**No. 21 Butler 75, Davidson 63:** Gordon Hayward scored a career-high 27 points and visiting Butler took advantage of ailing, cold-shooting Stephen Curry to beat Davidson and snap a two-game losing streak.

Returning after missing the first game of his career with a sprained left ankle, Curry scored 20 points, but hit only six of 23 shots, including 11 misses in 13 tries from three-point range.

Appearing a step slow working off screens and missing most of his shots short, the nation's leading scorer also committed seven turnovers.

Curry got little help from his teammates and Butler (23-4) broke open a close game early in the second half to send Davidson (22-6) to its second straight loss.

Hayward had nine rebounds and Matt Howard scored 12 points for Butler, which avoided its first three-game losing streak in four years.

Curry, who came in averaging 29 points a game, was held out of contact drills in practice Friday. He emerged from the locker room 90 minutes before tipoff wearing a black and gray brace on his ankle. He looked fine in warmups, but when the game started he clearly wasn't 100 percent.

**Navy 59, Army 54:** Chris Harris scored 17 points and went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the final 77 seconds as host Navy gained a season split with arch-rival Army.

Trailing for most of the second half, Army trimmed the deficit to 51-49 on John Moonshower's three-pointer with 1:31 to play. Harris responded with a pair of free throws for Navy. After Army's Marcus Nelson hit a layup to pull back within two, Harris hit two more foul shots with 12 seconds left to seal the outcome.

Moonshower's three-pointer at the buzzer served only to reduce the final margin.

Kaleo Kina scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Navy (18-9, 7-5 Patriot League), which avenged a 76-71 loss at Army on Jan. 25.

Cleveland Richard led Army (8-18, 4-8) with 14 points and Moonshower added 12.

Army led 17-15 at halftime after a first half in which the teams hit just six shots apiece from the field.



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Butler's Gordon Hayward puts up a shot during the second half of Saturday's 75-63 victory over Davidson at Davidson, N.C.

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## Sports briefs

# Dubai event fined \$300K for Israeli snub

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Women's Tennis Association fined Dubai Tennis Championships organizers a record \$300,000 after Israeli player Shahar Peer was denied a visa by the United Arab Emirates.

Also Friday, American player Andy Roddick said he wouldn't defend the title he won there last year.

"I really didn't agree with what went on over there. I don't know if it's the best thing to mix politics and sports, and that was probably a big part of it," said Roddick, who is playing in a tournament in Memphis, Tenn.

"It's just disappointing that reflects on a tournament that probably didn't have much to do with the decision," Roddick said. "Nevertheless, I just don't feel like there's a need for that in a sporting event. I don't think you make political statements through sports."

The WTA also took steps to compensate Peer and ensure she and other Israeli players won't be shut out of future tournaments in the federation.

Organizers said at the time that they feared fan anger over Israel's recent military offensive in the Gaza Strip would spill into riots if Peer were to play. The UAE and Israel do not have diplomatic relations.

Part of the fine — more than double the previous largest levied by the WTA — will go to Peer and doubles partner Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany to make up for the prize money they could have won in the lucrative tournament with a purse of \$2 million.

"I think what we hope with this decision is that we're sending a very clear message that we're not going to tolerate discrimination of any kind," tour CEO Larry Scott told The Associated Press. "We wanted to send a clear signal that this is the most egregious action the world of tennis has seen in recent history. And we felt that it should be at least double what the previous highest penalty was."

Dubai organizers also must confirm that qualifying Israeli players will get visas at least eight weeks in advance to remain on the tour schedule for 2010.

## Stechert edges Vonn by 0.01

TARVISIO, Italy — Gina Stechert of Germany edged Lindsey Vonn by the slimmest of margins for her first World Cup downhill victory Saturday.

Taking advantage of an early start, Stechert wound her way down the Prampetro course in 1 minute, 59.94 seconds. Vonn finished second, a paper-thin 0.01 seconds behind, and Anja Paerson of Sweden was 0.39 back in third.

Stechert, 21, had a previous best of fourth at Lake Louise, Alberta, in December.

"It's a little bit disappointing," Vonn said. "To lose by one hundredth is always difficult, but I still got points for the overall, and for the downhill, too."

Vonn increased her lead in the overall World Cup standings to 113 points over Germany's Maria Riesch, who finished

10th Saturday. Paerson is third with 960.

Vonn also added to her lead in the downhill standings with 320 points. Dominique Gislin of Switzerland, who finished seventh, is next with 262 points and Paerson is third with 220. Three downhills remain.

## Cuche wins World Cup GS

SESTRIERE, Italy — Didier Cuche of Switzerland won a World Cup giant slalom on Saturday for his first victory of the season and ninth of his career.

Cuche completed two runs on the 1-mile Kandahar Banchetta course in a combined 2 minutes, 49.57 seconds to beat Stephan Goergl of Austria by 0.66. Austrians Benjamin Raich and Romed Baumann were third and fourth.

Tim Jitloff of the United States posted the fastest second run and moved from 18th to fifth for his career best result. Defending World Cup GS champion Ted Ligety failed to finish and defending overall champion Bode Miller skipped the race.

Cuche won gold in super-G and silver in downhill during the just-concluded world championships.

## Vickers wins pole, then loses it

FONTANA, Calif. — Brian Vickers thought he finally had some good news to override the controversy of the past week.

Vickers, 25, won the pole for Sunday's Auto Club 500, barely beating heavily favored Jimmie Johnson. But, about an hour after taking the sixth pole of his NASCAR Sprint Cup career with a lap of 183.429 mph, Vickers found out his team would have to change the engine in his Toyota, sending him to the back of the 43-car field.

He will still be listed as the pole winner, but will drop out of line when the cars start moving on Sunday and fall to the back, while Johnson, whose fast lap was 183.164, gets to lead the field to the green flag.

The pole would have been big for Vickers, especially in the wake of the Daytona 500 controversy that was sparked when Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Vickers collided, setting off a 10-car crash.

Vickers had forced Earnhardt below the yellow out-of-bounds line on the 2.5-mile Daytona oval and Earnhardt turned back up the banking and hit Vickers, igniting the multicar crash and much finger pointing.

Jamie McMurray was third at 182.653, followed by Kurt Busch at 182.556, Greg Biffle at 182.302, Jeff Gordon at 182.209, David Reutimann at 182.089 and A.J. Allmendinger, the fastest of the drivers who had to qualify on speed, at 182.048.

Tony Stewart, racing for his own Stewart-Haas Racing team for only the second time in a Cup event, was 11th at 181.901. Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth was 24th at 180.818.

## Celtics' Garnett out 2-3 weeks

PHOENIX — The Boston Celtics said forward Kevin Garnett would miss 2-3 weeks because of a strained muscle behind his right knee.

Garnett returned Friday to Boston after

injuring the knee on the team's West Coast trip. Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said Saturday that team doctor Brian McKeon diagnosed the muscle strain after tests and an MRI.

Garnett injured his knee while going up for an alley-oop late in the first half of Boston's 90-85 loss to the Utah Jazz on Thursday. He landed gingerly and immediately motioned to the bench for a substitute.

## McCarron beats darkness for lead

LOS ANGELES — With darkness rapidly descending, Scott McCarron saw enough of the 18th green from 211 yards away to realize it would be one of the tougher shots he faced Friday. Typical of the way his week is going, it turned into another birdie.

McCarron aimed his 5-wood toward the bleachers and watched it fade back toward the flag to within about 10 feet, a final birdie in his round of 3-under 68 that gave him a two-shot lead over Steve Stricker and Tommy Armour III in the Northern Trust Open.

Phil Mickelson was nine shots worse than his opening-round 63, but it was easy to see the upside after a 72 put him in the group only three behind.

The last two groups finished in the dark, including two players whose PGA Tour debuts turned into short ones.

Ryo Ishikawa, the 17-year-old sensation from Japan, had a 71 to finish at 2-over 144 and miss the cut by three shots. Vincent Johnson, playing on the Charlie Sifford Exemption, bogeyed his last hole for a 74 to also finish three shots below the cut line.

## American shares Johnnie Walker lead

PERTH, Australia — American Anthony Kang, the Malaysian Open winner last week, shot his second straight 5-under 67 for a share of the second-round lead in the Johnnie Walker Classic with Ireland's Damien McGrane.

Kang and McGrane (68) had 10-under 134 totals on The Vines Resort's composite course in the event sanctioned by the Australasian, European, Asian tours.

New Zealand amateur Danny Lee, the U.S. Amateur champion, was a stroke back along with Spain's Ignacio Garrido and Japan's Hiroyuki Fujita. Both shot 68s, as did American star Anthony Kim, who was in a group at 8 under.

Greg Norman, playing his first non-senior tournament since finishing third last year in the British Open, missed the cut with rounds of 75 and 71. Colombia's Camilo Villegas also missed the cut, following rounds of 72 and 71.

## Fernandez, Pooley tied in seniors

NAPLES, Fla. — Vicente Fernandez and Don Pooley shot 4-under 68s to share the first-round lead in The ACE Group Classic. Jay Haas was a stroke back despite a two-stroke penalty for hitting a piece of pine straw in a hazard.

After hitting out of the hazard, Haas said it crossed his mind that touching the pine straw on his backswing might be a penalty for moving loose impediments in a hazard.

Haas hit his fourth shot to 2 feet, but then missed the putt. On the next hole, Haas talked to a rules official, who returned two holes later and told Haas that it was indeed a two-stroke penalty.

Wayne Levi matched Haas with a 69 on the new TPC Treviso Bay course. Bernhard Langer, Loren Roberts, Gene Jones, Dan Forsman, Fulton Allem, Mike Goodes and Jim Chancey shot 70.

## Mountain West wants BCS changes

WASHINGTON — The commissioner of the Mountain West Conference met with congressional aides, lobbying for changes to the Bowl Championship Series.

In the debate over how to best decide college football's national champion, commissioner Craig Thompson said he plans to present a proposal to BCS coordinator John Swofford. He declined to offer details. The league also has hired a Washington lobbying firm.

Utah, a MWC member, has twice been shut out of the title game in the past five seasons despite undefeated records. "Technically, yes, we have access to the national championship game," Thompson said Friday. "Realistically, we don't."

The Mountain West also is not among the conferences with an automatic bid to BCS bowls. "We're going to take our stand, state our case and propose change," Thompson said. "You can't change something if there's nothing to look at to compare it to."

## NHL suspends Kings' Gauthier

TORONTO — The NHL suspended Los Angeles Kings defenseman Denis Gauthier for two games without pay Saturday.

The punishment stems from a confrontation midway through the third period in last Thursday's 4-2 loss to the San Jose Sharks. Gauthier made contact with Sharks forward Patrick Marleau on an icing play. Gauthier was assessed a minor penalty for boarding. Marleau wasn't injured.

Gauthier will forfeit \$22,580 and will be eligible to return for Wednesday's game against Philadelphia. Earlier this month, Gauthier sat out five games after hitting Montreal Canadiens defenseman Josh Gorges with an elbow to the head.

## IOC chief bemoans financial crisis

BRUSSELS — While the Olympics and other major events are weathering the financial storm, IOC president Jacques Rogge is worried about the smaller sports and poorer federations.

Rogge said Friday the economic crisis is hitting hard at the grass roots and national levels of many sports, with sponsorship, government subsidies and ticket sales drying up.

"I am receiving witnesses and calls every day from many countries in the world," he said. "They are telling me: 'In my country there is a big problem with local clubs, with national federations.' I cannot put a name on it, but there are many."

Rogge said fans are less willing to pay to see anything but the top-level events.



  
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## MLB briefs

# MLB wants to know who A-Rod pals with

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball investigators want to know whether Alex Rodriguez is still palling around with his cousin and a trainer from the Dominican Republic. The goals of the intended interview with Rodriguez were disclosed Friday by a person familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because MLB wasn't confirming the meeting.

The New York Yankees star has said his cousin injected him from 2001-03 with a banned substance obtained in the Dominican called "boli."

The New York Daily News said Angel Presinal, trainer well known in baseball, traveled with A-Rod and the cousin during the 2007 season. Presinal has been banned from entering baseball clubhouses.

"I'm not getting into any of that," Rodriguez said. Speaking Friday at the Yankees' spring training complex in Tampa, Fla., Rodriguez said he expected the meeting will be in the Tampa area. MLB would like to speak with him before he joins the Dominican team early next month ahead of the World Baseball Classic.

Presinal, then a trainer for former slugger Juan Gonzalez, was questioned by Canadian Border Service officers in 2001 about steroids and syringes in a duffel bag, according to the Mitchell Report. Presinal and Gonzalez denied owning the bag.

MLB told Anaheim and Texas to deny Presinal clubhouse access in later years, according to the Mitchell Report.

## Son of Yankees VP has steroid charge

TAMPA, Fla. — The son of Yankees senior vice president Felix Lopez was told to stop hanging out at the team's minor league

complex after senior management became aware he was arrested on a steroids possession charge in September 2002.

Felix Manuel Lopez III was seen working as a trainer with players at the Yankees minor league complex this month, performing tasks such as putting down cones for running drills in the outfield. The Yankees say he never was employed by the team and he was told by his father to stop showing up at the minor league complex.

He was charged with trafficking in illegal drugs and possession of controlled substance, according to a Hillsborough (Fla.) County Jail report that is available online. The substance was approximately 10 vials of liquid steroids, the report said.

According to the arrest record filed with the Tampa Police Department, police obtained several bottles and vials of unspecified liquid steroids as well as two boxes with six bottles of the drug GBL when they raided Lopez III's Tampa apartment Sept. 18, 2002. Newsday reported that Lopez agreed to a plea deal in which he received three years of probation for pleading guilty to possession with intent.

The senior Lopez is married to Jessica Steinbrenner, the daughter of Yankees owner George Steinbrenner.

## Damon not sure when account will be unfrozen

TAMPA, Fla. — Yankees outfielder Johnny Damon has no idea when he will be able to access his investor account, which has been frozen by the government because the company is affiliated with Robert Allen Stanford.

Damon and teammate Xavier Nady did not invest with Stanford funds but have investments with broker dealers whose accounts were with a Stanford company.



The Yankees' Johnny Damon, signing autographs during spring training in Tampa, Fla., has had his investor account frozen while investigators look in possible ties to Robert Allen Stanford, who is at the center of an \$8 billion fraud probe.

MARY ALTAFFER/AP

"It could be tomorrow or Monday. It could be a month or a year," Damon said Saturday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has frozen the assets of Stanford International Bank, Stanford Capital Management and Stanford Group Co. because Stanford is at the center of an \$8 billion fraud investigation.

"I'll be all right," Damon said. "I just have to deal with the process that they have to go through. I'm still good. Who I do feel sorry for is all the people who got caught up in this who actually did lose their money. My money is just frozen."

## Hudson, Dodgers OK one-year, \$3.8M deal

PHOENIX — Orlando Hudson reached an agreement on a \$3.8 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who would use the former All-Star to replace retired second baseman Jeff Kent.

The deal is contingent on Hudson's passing a physical, a person familiar with the negotiations said Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Dodgers have not announced the agreement.

A .282 career hitter, Hudson had season-ending surgery on his left wrist during each of the past two years with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He figures to combine with shortstop Rafael Furcal to give the Dodgers one of the top defensive middle

infields in the major leagues. Hudson missed Arizona's final 21 games in 2007 after tearing a wrist ligament, then hurt it again last Aug. 9.

■ Former All-Star reliever Jason Isringhausen, 36, signed a minor league contract with the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday. He served two stints on the disabled list last season and has not pitched since mid-August because of right elbow tendinitis and a partial tear of his flexor tendon.

■ Third baseman Joe Crede agreed to a one-year deal with Minnesota, filling a need on the left side of the Twins' infield provided he can stay healthy. Crede has had two major back surgeries in the past two seasons. He hit .248 with 17 homers and 55 RBIs last season for the Chicago White Sox.

## Athletics drop plans for suburban stadium

FREMONT, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics are putting the brakes on a plan to build a new stadium in Fremont, just south of Oakland.

Team officials asked the city Friday to stop the planning process for a stadium, saying they want to look at options. The team has been considering a stadium and village next to a wildlife refuge.

But it has encountered opposition from residents who say it would create traffic jams and drive down property values.

## Spring training

# Mets' Murphy has some pretty big shoes to fill — his own

The Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — After making a rapid rise to the majors, New York Mets outfielder Daniel Murphy is still trying to convince himself that last season was real.

After playing one game with Triple-A New Orleans, the 23-year-old converted infielder received his call to the majors Aug. 2, just more than two years removed from Jacksonville University.

He batted .313 in 49 games and joins Fernando Tatis as the tandem projected to cover left field.

"At the end of the year, you look back and you are excited about what happened but never satisfied," Murphy said. "I went into this offseason thinking I want to win a World Series and I want to be a part of a team that wins a championship. That was my goal all offseason. Every time I went into the weight room, swung a bat or took a pop-up, that was it."

Murphy had to learn quickly in his rookie season. He had played just 285 games in the minors, and only four in the outfield.

The Mets were counting on his offense when they called him up to replace Marlon Anderson, who went on the disabled list because of a strained hamstring.

Murphy was one of the organization's

top hitting prospects after batting .308 with 13 homers and 67 RBI for Double-A Binghamton, N.Y.

The Florida native takes little credit for his immediate impact and said his biggest lesson learned was "just staying within yourself."

Murphy downplays his quick movement through the organization.

Just two years ago, he was preparing for his first season of professional ball with the St. Lucie Mets, for whom he played 131 games at his natural position at third base. Mets VP for player development Tony Bernazard saw the potential of the talented hitter and asked him to move to second base early last season, knowing that David Wright had a lock on third base.

Injuries to the New York outfield created a need for another position change, but Murphy jumped at the opportunity.

"My thought has always been I'll play wherever they want me," Murphy said.

■ Omar Vizquel is getting a new start. The 11-time Gold Glove shortstop signed a minor league deal with Texas and is going into his 21st season knowing the Rangers' plan — they want him to be a utility infielder and mentor to 20-year-old Elvis Andrus, also from Venezuela.

Vizquel missed the first full-squad workout Thursday because he got mixed up about the reporting date. He met Andrus for the first time Friday and they sat together for a long time at their lockers.

"I didn't even know Andrus is spelled like that. When I saw him, I said, 'Oh, this is Elvis Andrus,'" Vizquel said. "We've been talking about different things, the Venezuelan League, the kind of glove he uses, little things like that. I'm sure by the time spring training is done we're going to be clicking pretty good."

Andrus has never played above Double-A. But the Rangers were so confident that he'll stick that they moved five-time All-Star shortstop Michael Young, last year's AL Gold Glove winner, to third base.

Andrus wasn't even a year old when Vizquel, who turns 42 next month, made his major league debut in 1989. Vizquel's 2,654 games at shortstop are a major league record.

■ Even though the Giants' Bob Howry is no longer a closer, he still thinks like one.

"Just because you are not getting the final three outs doesn't mean that you are not coming in at a crucial time," said Howry, one of the most successful setup men over the past four seasons.

"Who knows? Who's to say the guy coming in in the seventh and eighth innings is not going to face the 2-3-4 or 3-4-5 hitters in the lineup? It is still a critical point in the game if you have a lead to hold onto."

San Francisco signed Howry to a one-year, \$2.75 million contract to hold down the eighth inning this season, bringing his career full circle after the team selected him in the fifth round of the 1994 draft.

Howry left the organization July 31, 1997, in what came to be known in Chicago as the white flag trade, when the contending White Sox traded three starting pitchers to the Giants for six minor league prospects that included Howry and Keith Foulke.

Howry had 28 saves as the White Sox's closer in 1999. Since then, he has been primarily a setup man.

■ San Diego Padres catcher Henry Blanco said he's ready after arriving in camp Friday, a week after the rest of the pitchers and catchers reported. The 12-year veteran was tending to family issues in his native Venezuela. His first day of action included bullpen sessions and batting practice.

"It was a little delayed but it feels good to be back," said Blanco, who hit .292 with three homers and 12 RBIs in 58 games with the Chicago Cubs last season.



# Boys: St. Mary's peaks late

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ner," Yokota coach Paul Ettl said of the Titans, who entered Far East 14-12 on the season and went 1-2 in pool play before winning their last three games.

The championship was a chess match of the highest order, featuring six ties and eight lead changes, most coming in the fourth quarter. Neither team led by more than the Titans did, 7-2 early in the first quarter on Amritpal Warraich's three-point goal.

Unlike St. Mary's two regular-season losses to Yokota, "we did not turn the ball over," Titans coach Fred Sava said. During the season, "They go to a press every time we play them, we throw it away four or five times, game over. This time we didn't ... we got them into a half-court game and St. Mary's can play anybody in a half-court game. And we got lucky, and they didn't."

Fortune smiled on the Titans in the most fundamental of areas — the foul line, where St. Mary's shot 12-for-16 to Yokota's 7-for-15.

"Things didn't fall our way tonight," Yokota junior DeEric Harvin said. "It seemed like they made more shots than we could hit."

"We had trouble shooting. We missed a lot of opportunities early," Ettl said. "We shoot free throws well all season, and tonight we didn't. We also made some critical mental mistakes in the last couple of minutes."

One came with 1:30 left when Yokota, leading 33-31, was trying to run out the clock. Keron Brown missed a shot in the lane, St. Mary's Toni Taniguchi rebounded, was fouled and hit both free throws.

"We didn't want that shot," Ettl said. "We were trying to run it out."

Sean Durham's foul shot with 24.2 seconds left broke the tie and set up Nishi's heroics. Nishi hit a foul shot for the final margin. Brown's 40-foot game-winning three-point attempt rimmed out at the buzzer.

"It looked good to me, but it came up short," Brown said. "I'm proud of our effort, but I'm not proud of the outcome."

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Above: Yokota's Antony Phillips (30) has his route to the basket blocked by St. Mary's defender Ken Tsunoda during Saturday's championship game. Below: Yokota's Keron Brown (42) bumps into St. Mary's defender Sean Durham. St. Mary's won 35-33.



# Girls: Early hole costs Seoul American

## GIRLS, FROM BACK PAGE

and tied the game on Devanee Taylor's rebound of a Liz Gleaves shot with 1 minute left.

"I have to tip my hat to Seoul, especially Liz," Beaver said of the sophomore guard who "got them back into it" during Friday's rally for a 54-51 semifinal victory over Kadena "and almost got them back into it today."

Using its patented 2-2-1 zone press, the Vanguards broke out in front 17-8 after one quarter, as their defense dictated the pace and the Falcons couldn't find a shooting rhythm.

"We got ourselves in a hole

early," Falcons coach Billy Ratcliff said. "They had shots we weren't contesting. Those that we did contest, they hit. And we missed a lot of opportunities. I counted 10 missed points in the first half."

Finally, the Falcons came alive as the fourth period began, with a half-court trap and full-court press setting the tone. Gleaves misfired from deep, but Taylor's putback tied it 45-45, setting the stage for Long's and Cleope's heroics.

Long holds Faith's school records for three-point goals in a career, breaking Stauffer's re-

cord, and a season.

"She's our three-point queen, and she hit the biggest three-pointer of her career in the biggest game of her life," Beaver said.

The trap and the press "made a difference in getting us back into it," Ratcliff said. "But we came up short."

It was the second straight year the Falcons, 25-1 during the regular season, came up short in the Class AA title game. Seoul American won the championship two straight years, 2005 and 2006, but has finished third once and second twice since.

## High school scoreboard

### Boys Class AA

At Capps Gym, Yokota High School, and Samurai Fitness & Sports Center, Yokota Air Base, Japan  
Single-elimination playoffs  
Wednesday's games

- Game 1—Yokota, Japan, 76, John F. Kennedy, Guam, 32  
Game 2—American School In Japan 65, Father Duenas Memorial, Guam, 43  
Game 3—Simon Sanchez, Guam, 37, Southern, Guam, 28  
Game 4—Zama American, Japan, 50, Okkodo, Guam, 40  
Game 5—Guam High 67, Nile C. Kinnick, Japan, 43  
Game 6—St. Mary's International, Japan, 56, Kubasaki, Okinawa, 33  
Game 7—Seoul American 60, Christian Academy In Japan 41  
Game 8—Kadena, Okinawa 51, Faith Academy, Philippines 42

### Thursday's games

- Game 9—Father Duenas 61, JFK 31  
Game 10—Okkodo 53, Southern 35  
Game 11—Kubasaki 54, Kinnick 50  
Game 12—Faith 60, CAJ 45  
Game 13—Yokota 58, ASIJ 52  
Game 14—St. Mary's 37, Guam 30  
Game 15—Simon Sanchez 35, Zama 22  
Game 16—Seoul 63, Kadena 39  
Game 17—Guam 56, Father Duenas 50  
Game 18—Kadena 54, Okkodo 39  
Game 19—ASIJ 56, Kubasaki 28  
Game 20—Faith 50, Zama 32

### Friday's games

- Game 21—Zama 35, JFK 29  
Game 22—Okkodo 55, Kinnick 46  
Game 23—Kubasaki 51, Southern 33  
Game 24—CAJ 65, Father Duenas 54  
Game 25—Kinnick 59, JFK 43  
Game 26—Father Duenas 53, Southern 33

### Saturday's games

- Game 27—Zama 57, Okkodo 45  
Game 28—Kubasaki 66, CAJ 49  
Game 29—Kadena 57, Guam 37  
Game 30—ASIJ 47, Faith 37  
Game 31—Yokota 52, Simon Sanchez 34  
Game 32—St. Mary's 62, Seoul 36  
Game 33—Southern 39, JFK 33, 15th place  
Game 34—Father Duenas 49, Kinnick 37, 13th place  
Game 35—Okkodo 55, CAJ 46, 11th place  
Game 36—Zama 46, Kubasaki 38, ninth place  
Game 37—Guam 58, Faith 54, seventh place  
Game 38—ASIJ 49, Kadena 34, fifth place  
Game 39—Seoul 54, Simon Sanchez 49, third place  
Game 40—St. Mary's 35, Yokota 33, championship

### Awards

MVP—Toni Taniguchi, St. Mary's.  
Team Sportsmanship Award—Southern.

All-tournament team—Toni Taniguchi, Sean Durham, Ken Tsunoda, St. Mary's; Tajh Kirby, DeEric Harvin (two-time selection), Yokota; Johnnie Hickson, Willie Brown (two-time selection), Seoul; Zhi Bao Lin, Derrick Royster, Simon Sanchez; Sean Eddy (three-time selection), Patrick Ward, ASIJ; Keio Lewis (two-time selection), Faith; Mike Jorgenson, Zama; Kevin Paranal, Kadena; Devin Roseboro, Kubasaki; D'Andre Weaver, Guam.

### Saturday's summaries

Southern 39, JFK 33  
JFK 15 2 12 10-39  
JFK 13 8 8 4-33  
Scoring—Southern, Joe Garcinas 9; JFK, Sherwyn Oyardo 10.  
Father Duenas 49, Kinnick 37  
FD 13 10 14 12-49  
Kinnick 5 10 12 10-37  
Scoring—FD, Stephen Finona 12, Earvin Jose 12, John Ilao 11; Kinnick, Mike O'Brien 14.

### Okkodo 55, CAJ 46

Okkodo 14 10 11 20-55  
CAJ 10 10 11 15-46  
Scoring—Okkodo, Brandon Cardines 19, Neil Aplado 11, Kurt Carter 10; CAJ, Sung Hyun Kim 12, Charlie Hancock 12.  
Zama 46, Kubasaki 38  
Zama 12 9 8 17-46  
Kubasaki 8 10 7 13-38  
Scoring—Zama, Daniel Dulay 11; Kubasaki, Kentrell Key 13.

### Guam 58, Faith 54

Guam High 14 22 8 14-58  
Faith 14 18 9 13-54  
Scoring—Guam High, Derek Wiltz 18, Carlton Meanweather 10, Derrell Brunner 10; Faith, Keio Lewis 21, Moriah Gingerich 18.

### ASIJ 49, Kadena 34

ASIJ 11 8 19 11-49  
Kadena 9 8 10 7-34  
Scoring—ASIJ, Sean Eddy 29; Kadena, Taiyo Robertson 15.

### Seoul 54, Simon Sanchez 49

SAHS 12 10 7 25-54  
SSHS 10 17 6 16-49  
Scoring—SAHS, Joe McLean 15, Johnnie Hickson 11; SSHS, Derrick Royster 20.

### St. Mary's 35, Yokota 33

St. Mary's 7 6 8 14-35  
Yokota 4 9 10 10-33  
Scoring—St. Mary's, Toni Taniguchi 15, Amritpal Warraich 12; Yokota, Keron Brown 10, DeEric Harvin 10.

### Girls Class AA

At Yano Fitness & Sports Center, Camp Zama, and Ranger Fitness & Sports Center, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan  
Single-elimination playoffs  
Wednesday's games

- Game 1—Faith Academy, Philippines, 55, vs. Simon Sanchez, Guam, 16  
Game 2—George Washington, Guam, 57, Academy of Our Lady of Guam 27  
Game 3—Nile C. Kinnick, Japan, 60, Yokota, Japan, 32  
Game 4—Notre Dame, Guam, 45,



GARY CASHMAN/Stars and Stripes

Faith Academy's Janel Long (11) drives to the basket against Seoul American's Maria Garcia during Saturday's girls Class AA championship game.

Southern, Guam, 39  
Game 5—Kadena, Okinawa, 48, Christian Academy In Japan 11  
Game 6—American School In Japan 38, Zama American, Japan, 25  
Game 7—Kubasaki, Okinawa, 40, John F. Kennedy, Guam, 39  
Game 8—Seoul American 58, Guam High 32

### Thursday's games

- Game 9—AOLG 36, Simon Sanchez 35  
Game 10—Yokota 54, Southern 40  
Game 11—Zama 49, CAJ 33  
Game 12—Guam 40, JFK 35  
Game 13—Faith 58, GW 31  
Game 14—Notre Dame 56, Kinnick 30  
Game 15—Kadena 48, ASIJ 19  
Game 16—Seoul 63, Kubasaki 33  
Game 17—AOLG 43, ASIJ 33  
Game 18—Yokota 55, Kubasaki 39  
Game 19—Kinnick 42, Zama 35  
Game 20—GW 52, Guam 38

### Friday's games

- Game 21—Simon Sanchez 30, Guam 22  
Game 22—Zama 46, Southern 16  
Game 23—CAJ 31, Kubasaki 27  
Game 24—ASIJ 40, JFK 36  
Game 25—Simon Sanchez 33, Zama 30  
Game 26—ASIJ 40, CAJ 14  
Game 27—Yokota 47, AOLG 52  
Game 28—Kinnick 54, GW 51  
Game 29—Faith 48, Notre Dame 34  
Game 30—Seoul 54, Kadena 51

### Saturday's games

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Game 33—CAJ 47, Zama 42, 11th place  
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Game 38—Faith 50, Seoul 47, championship

### Awards

MVP—Janel Long, Faith.  
Individual Sportsmanship Award—Liz Gleaves, Seoul.

All-tournament team—Tashia Hardeeman (two-time selection), Kelly Hardeeman, Faith; Tanesha Pettis, Liz Gleaves (two-time selection), Seoul; Aja Walker, Britney Wise, Kadena; Sime Witter, Toni Tedpahago, Notre Dame; Anya Brown, Yokota; Sandy Cruz, Brianna Benito, GW; Gwen Thornton, ASIJ; Cathy Townsel, Simon Sanchez; Anika Taylor, CAJ.

### Saturday's summaries

JFK 53, Guam High 49  
JFK 16 11 20 6-53  
Guam High 6 11 17 15-49  
Scoring—JFK, Catherine Aquino 20; Guam High, Bashira Daniels 16.

### ASIJ 46, Simon Sanchez 26

SSHS 5 7 0 14-26  
ASIJ 13 15 6 12-46  
Scoring—ASIJ, Gwen Thornton 15; SSHS, Shylah Salas 8, Kristine Redolozo 8.

### CAJ 47, Zama American 42

CAJ 5 19 15 8-47  
Zama 13 8 9 12-42  
Scoring—CAJ, Lana Hollands 15; Zama, Elizabeth Powell 16.

### GW 42, AOLG 32

GW 12 6 10 14-42  
AOLG 8 10 8 6-32  
Scoring—GW, Sandy Cruz 20; AOLG, Brianna Benito 14.

### Kinnick 49, Yokota 38

Kinnick 10 10 17 12-49  
Yokota 12 11 1 14-38  
Scoring—Kinnick, Shannon Jackson 17, Deana Hardison 13; Yokota, Erika Ettl 10, Shari Moss 10.

### Kadena 65, Notre Dame 58

Kadena 12 21 15 17-65  
Notre Dame 7 11 17 23-58  
Scoring—Kadena, Javinia Riddick 17, Jasmine Taylor 14.

### Championship

Faith 50, Seoul 47  
Faith 17 11 11 11-50  
SAHS 8 11 6 22-47  
Scoring—Faith, Janel Long 15; SAHS, Liz Gleaves 20.



## SPORTS



LeBron scores 16 points  
in less than three minutes,  
finishes with 55, Page 26

## DODDS teams fall in finals



GARY CASHMAN, ABOVE, AND DAVE ORNAUER, RIGHT/Stars and Stripes

Above: Faith Academy's Liz Hardeman drives to the basket against Seoul American's Liz Gleaves during Saturday's DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Girls Class AA (large schools) Basketball Tournament at Camp Zama, Japan. Right: St. Mary's International's Hayato Nishi protects the ball after stealing it from Yokota's Tajh Kirby during Saturday's DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Boys Class AA Basketball Tournament at Yokota High School, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Steal ends  
Yokota boys'  
title dreams

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Loose basketballs tend to spell trouble.

But to St. Mary's International senior Hayato Nishi, the loose ball in front of him in the closing seconds of Saturday's championship game spelled opportunity with a capital O.

"I just wanted the ball in my hands. I wanted to take control of the game," Nishi said of his steal with 12.4 seconds left that helped seal the Titans' 35-33 victory over host Yokota in the 60th Far East High School Boys Class AA Basketball Tournament title game.

St. Mary's captured its third Class AA title this decade, but its first since 2002 and the first one the Titans clinched on Kanto Plain soil.

"It's amazing. It's awesome. I can't put it into words right now," Nishi said.

The heartbroken Panthers lost for just the second time this season. They were the 20th host team to reach the final since 1982, but have lost all five of their opportunities on their home court. Overall, they're 1-7 in finals appearances since 1982.

"Give credit to St. Mary's. They peaked at the right time. They deserve the ban-

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## Seoul American girls' rally falls short

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Thanks to sharp-shooting MVP Janel Long and the defensive wizardry of Lauren Cleope, Faith Academy returned to the top of the Far East High School Girls Class AA Basketball Tournament heap for the first time in nearly a decade.

Long snapped a 45-45 tie on a three-pointer with 24 seconds left and Cleope made a crucial steal of an inbound pass with 7.7 seconds left as the Vanguarders held

off a huge fourth-quarter Seoul American rally for a 50-47 championship triumph Saturday at Zama's Yano Fitness Center.

"Lauren stole the ball! Havlicek stole the ball!" Vanguarders coach Dan Beaver said, mimicking Boston Celtics announcer Johnny Most's call of John Havlicek's famous playoff steal April 15, 1965, against the Philadelphia 76ers in Game 7 of the NBA's Eastern Conference championship.

Faith's victory capped the first unbeaten season in Vanguarders girls history at 42-0.

It was the fifth Class AA title in the past 13 years for Faith, but the first since 2000, when Vanguarders assistant Julie Stauffer was Faith's point guard.

Faith also owns four Class A titles, and moved back up to Class AA this school year after its enrollment spiked past the eligibility cutoff of 300.

But Saturday's championship almost didn't happen, as the Falcons, who trailed 40-25 with 7:07 left, staged a huge rally

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